Curator's Daily Record

1876 Jan 1st.

New Year's Day. A foggy morning, but the fog cleared off, & a warm atmosphere made the holiday a delightful one.

Came to the Gallery for the mail. I rec'd letter from Mr Walters

Jan 3rd.

Monday. Mr Hyde sent up letter from L'herbette, Kane and Co. of shipment of 3 cases of casts from Havre.

Mr Riggs sent up letter from Mr Lucas, stating that the casts of the "Prisoners" and "Jason," are on their way and that the five remaining antique casts ordered from the Louvre will be here in the spring. He sent also a Catalogue of Barye's Bronzes.

Wrote to Mr Walters.

Rec'd to-day from Mr Gouverneur, a marble bust of Washington by Cerachi Phila. 1795, formerly belonging to the Meade Collection in the city. Had it washed and placed in the Bronze Hall. It differs from all others I ever saw. It is treated in the conventional ^classical^ way with fillet around the head, toga, & some traces of a Roman breastplate which do not at all harmonize with out ideas of Washington. The hair, which Washington always had brushed back in the venerable style we see in Stuart's portrait of him, is short, curly, feebly massed and hangs anyway. The nose is injured as is also the right eyebrow.
Miss M. Ball applied for copying privilege, & rec'd a ticket. Miss Welling called.
1960 copies of Catalogue on hand & paid for.
Visitors 99 $23.00 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos. $1.75

1876 Jany. 4.

Rec'd letter from Profr. Weir, Yale College, acknowledging the photographs sent to the "School of Fine Arts."

Dr Hall sent up as a present to this Gallery an old but rare framed engraving of Napoleon at austerlitz with key.

Ordered paper and envelopes from Choate & Co. for the invitations to members of Congress to attend a night exhibition Jan. 13th.

Mr Corcoran likes the position of Cerachi's Washington.

Visitors 669 Catalogues 65 $16.20 Photos. $3.50

Jany. 5th

Mr Vanderbilt left photographs of David's (d'Angers) bust of Humboldt, on sale by Mr Stevens, London.

Busy getting ready the invitations.

Mr Taylor bought the pedestal for the new Majolica vase.
Received a copy of the Congressional Directory.

Mr Tennant put on the new burners to the chandeliers.

Visitors 91 $22.75 Catalogues 24 $6.00 Photo. &1.00

Jany. 6th.

Rec'd bill of charges for casts per steamer "Braunschweig."

Sent catalogue to Burlington College N.J. for C. Roberts.

6 copies of Fun & Fright by the artist!

Rec'd a letter from Mr Corcoran written to him by a Mr Metcalf of Milwaukee about the picture of Fun and Fright, of which he says he has a copy by the same artist in 1870, and who, Mr M. declares, said he would never paint the subject again! It seems there are now five copies of it, which we know of—one in Milan, one in Manchester England, one in Milwaukee, one in Roxbury Mass. & ours! I copied most of this letter, & sent it to Mr Walters, who is greatly exercised about the matter, and is disposed to return our copy.
Dr. Hall & Mr Matthews called.
Visitors 536 Catalogues 38 $9.50 Photo. $1.00

Jan. 7th.

Letter from Mr Walters. He wants telegram when the casts arrive.
Mr Loemer called, signed Regulations for copying & got a card of admission.
Hard at work on my Annual Report.

Visitors 78 $19.50 Catalogues 11 $2.75

Jan. 8th.

Mrs. Dr Magruder called to see me about the pictures &c of the late Swedish minister, which she wants the art committee to examine before they are sold.

A painting by Chierici arrived from New York. Paid freight and received no letter about it. Suppose it comes from Avery—as a substitute for "Fun & Fright" in case the last is rejected.

Chierici's new picture

Mr Page of Richmond Va. accompanied by young Mr Bryan & Miss Bryan called. The latter on seeing Chierici's new picture, gave me some interesting facts about the artist whom she has met. He is young, and the kitchen in this picture & "Fun & Fright" is the one he occupied when in poverty, the boy is his son, and the woman is his servant. Mr Page is the gentleman in whose house Mr Corcoran saw the Randolph portrait. He says it was painted in 1830. He is to send me particulars about its history.
Capt. Temple called – also Dr Hall, & Mr Riggs. The latter knows nothing about the new Chierici, and no one likes it as much as the "Fun & Fright". The former represents the buxom servant handing some eggs to a Mendicant priest.
Visitors 795 Catalogues 67 $16.75 Photos $2.00

Jan. 10th.

Letter from Mr Perkins acknowledging the photos. sent to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

9 cases of casts arrived and were partly opened. The head of David was fearfully smashed, but the other casts were all right. The French casts are always well packed, the British wretchedly.
Sent telegram for Fureschi in Baltimore.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees took place at 7 o'clock p.m. but there being only five members present, Mr Walters moved to adjourn until Monday 17th. at 3.p.m.
Visitors 45 $11.25 Catalogues 10 $2.50

Jan. 11th.

Mr Fureschi & assistant came this morning, & went to work on repairing the bust of David in the cellar, where I had ^2^ additional gas-burners attached. Unpacked the other casts. The busts are all in good order, & some of them are very fine.
The Jason is full of spirit, and the Prisoners grand.

Wrote to Mr Walters about the casts & Avery's picture, & also to the latter person.

Visitors 380 Catalogues 47 $11.75 Photos. $2.25

1876 Jan. 12

Letter from Mrs. Shedd, Providence, requesting set of ~~ph~~ stereograms of the Ghiberti Gate.

Mr Fill sent 2 record books.
Mr Hyde sent up letter from Mollie -- to Mr Corcoran requesting where certain pictures placed in the Gallery for a term of years.

Mr. Fureschi finished repair of David & Iris, & then returned to Baltimore. He is to have $4.00 per diem $ fare to & fro Balt, his man $4.00 only.

Free admission to the Gallery tomorrow night on the occasion of the Centennial to Members of Congress.
Visitors 77 $19.25 Catalogues 15 $3.75 Photos. $5.00

Jan. 13th.

Mrs. McGruder called about Stevenson's (Swedish Minister's) pictures.
Sent views of the panels of the "Gate" to Mrs. Shedd with letter.

Miss Watkins called about selling an old picture of ____ nymphs to the Gallery.

Excursion party of 400 hawbucks from Pa.
Dr. Hall & Mr Corcoran called.

Owing to some misunderstanding, there was no announcement in the papers that the Gallery would be free to the public tonight, so very ^few^ of them came, that the few members of Congress – not more 179 persons altogether, which was a pity, & a disappointment to Mr Corcoran. It however was a pleasant affair, and the Sculpture Hall, for the first time seen by gas-light – since it was draped in maroon, presented a superb appearance.

Visitors Day 891	Catalogues $ 54 $13.50	Photos 3.75
Night 179	15 $ 3.75	1
1,070	69 17.25	$ 4.75

1876 Jan. 14th.

Rec'd letter from Mr Stewart inquiring about the action of the art Committee on the Pulaski bust.

Got from Mr Riggs the paper containing a sketch of the group of Strength and Labor by Barye.

Saw Mr Bagger, and examined the Stevenson pictures. Some good things, but prices too high.

Mr Furman artist, came & stated request for a picture of his to be placed in the gallery for approval. It was bought __ a large scene on the Coast of Corsica, a copy (large) of one I saw by him a year ago. It is very high-colored, has good points but is in other respects bad.
Visitors 76 $19.00 Catalogues 19 $4.75

Jan. 15th

Mr Choate brought his bill & corrected it.

Mr Fairman called and stated the price of his landscape to be $6,000, & said he had ordered to be sent from N.Y. a life of J. M. W. Turner, artist, as a present to this Gallery. Miss Watkins bought the painting of Diana – an indifferent copy, & of course declined.

A Mr Smith of N.Y. called about getting a copy photo – of his grandfather – Plummer of Mass. from Morse's picture of the Old Hall of Representatives of which he was a member 1822-26. Will call next week.

Visitors 717 Catalogues 69 $17.25 Photos $4.00

Jan. 17th

Mr Fairman artist left a letter to the Trustees offering for $6.00 his picture of "Sunset _ Coast of Corsica" also a Mss. book showing a list of his pictures already sold, their purchasers &c.

Miss Welling called, & was enthusiastic over the Sculpture Hall.

Mr Walters came to attend the Annual Meeting, & first surveyed the casts & Fairman's picture, which last he merely glanced at & pronounced unfit for purchase. He liked the David as a good piece of repair, also the Jason & the "Prisoners", but spoke depreciatingly of the busts & Iris ordered by myself as inferior. I think him mistaken in his judgment about these bust. Of course some are not good as others, as is the case of all our invoices of casts. The Antinous as Bacchus, the Julius Caesar, the Diogenes, the Dione and the Iris, are equal to anything we have of busts. Again he saw them on the floor of the cellar – & I hold it unfair to judge of them in that position by gaslight. He also with questionable taste condemned the Iris as a thing we ought not to have X got, as the Daughter of Niobe is a finer example of that class. The latter is the finest no doubt, but the Iris is by Phidias an epoch earlier than the "Daughter" and consequently its broad massive simpler treatment is to a student of sculpture, an interesting contrast to the ornate style of Scopas. It is rather uncourteous to condemn this selection of mine in this pointed way, inasmuch as the list I made out was only at my suggestion, and the order was not

given until he & the other two members had sanctioned the order. In often times this cast with others of the Elgin Marbles will be of decided interest, I fancy, to every body.

At 3 1/2 p.m. the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees present Dr. Hall, Me__, Riggs, Walters, McGuire, Hyde, Henry Hooke, Messr Carlisle & Matthews absent. Mr Corcoran also attended.

Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, & Committees & the Curator were read & accepted. The nett expenditures for 1877 was $66.081.45 – with an excess of $402.48.

The Curator's Report showed a prosperous condition of the receipts and expenditures for Catalogues & Photographs. all of the members of the Art Committee resigned, and the following gentlemen were elected to fill that committee Mr. Walters, Mr Riggs, & Dr J.C. Hall – the latter in place of Mr J.C. McGuire.
$20. were voted to Owen the fireman –
The subject of the admission of children under 6 years was taken up, & the matter was left to the discretion of the Curator.
The Board adjourned after forgetting to vote the usual contingent fund.
Advanced $1.50 to Fureschi's assistant.
The Committee on Works of Art met a 9 p.m. and declined purchasing Fairman's "Sunset, Coast of Corsica", and deciding to offer $2.50 dollar's for the "Pulaski Bust."
Visitors 80 $20.00 Catalogues 11 $2.75

Jan. 18th

Went with Dr Hall & saw the Stevenson pictures. He agrees with me that the Madonna & Norwegian Forest are worthy of purchase by this Gallery. Wrote to Mr Walters recommending him to see them.

Engaged pedestal for Iris.
Saw Mr Corcoran & read abstract my Report to him & sent him the Regulations for Copying. He wishes to have the ladies allowed the privileges of lunching in the Ladies Apartment, & also teachers to be allowed to instruct their pupils in them.
Visitors 605 Catalogues 38 $9.50 Photos. $7.25

Jan. 19.

Note from Mr Avery with $5.00 for payment of bills for charges on his picture – sent acknowledgement & .50 cts. change.

Card from ↑X↓ Mr H. G. Gourley N.Y. Custom House, asking price of Venus Group.
Answered, also card from H. G. Gourley N.Y. Custom House ^to Mr Hyde^ stating he had sent 2 vols Life of J. M. W.Turner, artist, from Mr Fairman.
23 schoolgirls with teachers from Charlottesville were admitted free with catalogues

Mr Geo. Plumer Smith of N.Y. called about his grandfather's portrait in Morse's picture being photographed.

Ordered Mr Taylor to set up "David" over the door of Renaissance Hall
Visitors 89 $16.00 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos. $2.00

Jan. 20th

Sent notices of the night exhibition to "Star" & Critic.

At night the Gallery was well attended by a delighted crowd. Mr Corcoran came with Mr Renwick architect, the latter had an opportunity of feeling the want of ventilation in the picture-galleries, and told me he would remedy the evil.

Visitors (Day) 516 | Catalogues $13.50 Photos 4.00
(Night) 831 | Catalogues 19.50
$33.10

Jan. 21st.

Rec'd from Mr Hyde the 2 vols of Life of Turner presented by Mr. Fairman & acknowledged them with thanks.
Note from Mr Walters stating he had seen Stevenson's pictures & did not think any of them came up to his idea of what the Gallery wishes in its purchases.

Letter from Mr Clemson S.C. giving a list of his pictures (by old masters) now at Altoona, Blair Co. Penn. & offering them for sale to the Gallery.

Mr. Smith met Mr Smilie at the Gallery, & arranged for the photograph of his grandfather's portrait in Morse's picture.
Mr Lownder also called for similar purpose.

David is at last raised to his position. It is not satisfactory to me. The upward light upon it has "smoothed its wrinkled pout," and the face while beautiful & noble, has lost that sublime frown & dauntless bravery the cast presents in a proper light – which is a pity. I have had the ↑wall↓ draped with marroon behind the head, but the general relief is powerful, the energy of the young brow is not seen, because there is no shadow under it. Mr Renwick asked me to measure the outer glass roof of the picture, with a view to better ventilation.

Mr ^G.P.^ Smith left $15.00 for Mr Smilie in payment of negative from Morse's pictures.
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Visitors 110 $27.50 Catalogues 21 $5.25 Photos. $1.75

Jan. 22

Mr Taylor finished hanging the wall drapery at 10 a.m. and then took measurement of the upper skylight for Mr Renwick. He is now at work on pedestal for Jason.

Sent for Mr Todd to paint busts & pedestal.

Mr Corcoran came in, and read my Report, with which he was pleased.
Mr Smilie will call on Monday.
Dr Hall called & expressed his wish that some of Stevenson's pictures should be bought for this Gallery, and also some of Rogers' statuary, which being American & full of character, deserve a place here.
Visitors 540 Catalogues 73 $18.25 Photos. $6.00

Jan. 24th.

Monday. Weather bright and mild. Letter from Mrs. Shedd of Providence from Phila. requesting amt of bill for the stevreograms of the "Gate", also a photo of Mr Corcoran, & if possible of the "Detaille." She manifests a great thirst for information about art. Sent Mr Corcoran's photo, & letter.

Rec'd a beautiful illustrated catalogue of paintings, & sculpture by old & modern masters, belonging to N. D. Morgan of Brooklyn.
Mr Todd commenced work in painting the David and other casts.
Dr. Hall called.
Visitors 79 $19.75 Catalogues 17 $4.25

Jan. 25th.

Received Fureschi's bill for repairing casts. $34.40 less the $1.50 advanced on the 17th. to his man -- $32.90.

Mrs. Benson called to see when I could examine her pictures by Benjamin West. Will go at noon to-morrow.

Showed Mr Corcoran the passage in Mrs. Shedd's letter where she expresses a wish for a photograph of him "to ^show^ her children the likeness of so great a benefactor", and the good old man drew out of his desk a photograph of himself from life, and after writing on its back his name "with his regard" told me to send it to her, which I did.

Mr Todd continuing painting the casts.

Showed Morgan's Catalogue of pictures to Mr Riggs.
Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called.

Visitors 612 Catalogues 64 $16.00 Photos. $4.50

Jan. 26th.

Went to Mrs. Benson's 1310 T st. to see two portraits by West. They are portraits of Mr Shewell (West's brother-in-law, & his wife – relatives of Mrs. Benson's. Both bear the stamp of West's style – respectable mediocrity – the light's chalky and the tints dull red. Mr Shewell's is in better condition. Price for both $400.

Mr Todd at work on the casts. The David is finished & looks much better.

Mr Corcoran's gallantry.

Mr Corcoran called with Misses Gwinn & Jones, the former a superb beauty, whom he pleasantly introduced as one of his nieces – the lady archly adding "his last importation!" – to which I could not help replying "his importations are always very choice!"

Mr Riggs called. He likes the David, but thinks the Prisoners very exaggerated as they are. He advised me to place the Corday in the Main Gallery, just where I wished to place it, but Mr Walters dissented.
Visitors 103 $25.75 Catalogues 35 $8.75 Photos. $4.25

Jan. 27th.

Mr Todd pushing the work of painting casts.

Mr Taylor being sick engaged Mr Tower/furniture dealer to give an estimate for two pedestals for the "Prisoners."

Mr Ulke sent up his half-length portrait of Mr Corcoran & had it hung in the east side gallery. He considers it the best likeness of Mr C. ever painted, but I do not agree with him. There is a warm tone of color, and the features are well mapped out, but the expression is disagreeable. There is a great want of venerableness in the color of the face which is rather leathery, and altogether it lacks the dignity of Mr C's appearance.

Sent Photos. to all the members of the Board of Trustees that had never received the last issues.

Visitors (Day) 335 Catalogues / Day 44 $9.75 Photos. $5.50
Visitors (Night) 1765 Catalogues Night 134 33.50
2100 178 $43.25

Jan. 28th

The attendance was numerous as seen above, and some disorder manifested itself, particularly about the canes and umbrellas. There not being checks enough for them

some thievish persons helped themselves to the best of them. It will be necessary to have this remedied by the presence of policemen, and a larger number of checks.

Received a letter from Mr Avery N.Y. ~~for~~ requesting copies of photographs of Charlotte Corday, Fun and Fright, & Fontainebleu stating that Mr Walters had "ordered" them to be sent to them. Wrote to Mr Walters for authority to send them.

Letter from Mrs. J. H. Shedd, containing $3.25 for the photos. and thanking me for the photo of the busts. She also wishes me to write at length about the Ghiberti Gate, its statuettes – also to send if possible photos. of "David" and the "Prisoners."

Gave Mr Gibson order for 500 blanks for notices to Board. Cashed Mrs. Shedd's money order for $3.25, and turned it over to Dr. Barbarin.

Mr Corcoran came in also Mr McGuire, the latter liked the "David" very much.
Dr Maxwell sent up two pictures for exhibition, but they were rejected as unfit for a place in this Gallery.

Mr Todd finished his job of painting casts.

Mr Towles' man & submitted drawing for pedestals for the "Prisoners" -- $35 for the pair.

Rec'd letter from J.J. Stewart of Balt. stating that the offer of $250 for that Pulaski Bust could not be accepted.

A meeting of the Board is called for Monday Jan. 31. to authorize the transfer of $100. for the Curator's Contingent Fund – each Trustee has the right to send a vote by proxy, instead of appearing in person.

A meeting of the Building Committee is called for to-morrow at 1 ½ p.m. to consider the expediency of authorizing certain improvements in the building.

Dr Hall came in, & says there must be improvements around the Janitor's desk, in the way of a barrier, and more means of checking umbrellas.
I have called for this barrier for two years and never could be listened to.
Visitors 84 $21.00 Catalogues 17 $4.70 Photos. $3.25

Jan. 29

Mr Todd brought his bill for $39.00. certified it.

Building Committee met at one o'clock p.m. Mr Hyde, Dr Hall & Mr Matthews presents a new stand for umbrellas ordered for the west side of the main entrance to contain six or

seven items & additional checks, and to have it railed off by a bar of gas-pipe from the Main Door of the Trustees' Room, estimates.
Call for estimate for paving the center of the front cellar.
Curator ordered to have a rail placed outside the central tower for facilitating raising the end sashes of the Main Picture Gallery.

Matting ordered for the floor extending from the Main entrance to the stairway.
Mr Schneider called to give estimates.
An additional man to assist Mr Darrell (Janitor) on night exhibitions at $1.00 per night.

Rec'd from Mr Bland ^asst.^ Secretary of the N.Y. Museum of Art photographs of several pictures & marble groups in that Institution.
Visitors 370 Catalogues 38 $9.46 Photos. $3.75

Jan. 31

Corrected proofs of blank notices to the Board.

Another letter from Mrs. Shedd thanking Mr Corcoran for his present of a photograph of him. Read the letter to Mr Corcoran to his great delight.

Messrs Thomas, Fowler & another person called to make estimates for umbrella – stands, & hand-rail on the roof.

Dayton Morgan applied for privilege to copy the "Charlotte Corday," wrote to him that another lady was before him, & two now occupied in copying the said picture.

Mrs. K.C. Dorsey applied to copy "Corday"- granted, & went to work on it.

Rec'd ~~letter~~ a Phil'a. paper from G. Plumer Smith containing interesting notices of the Centennial Building – in particular the Art. Dept.

Wrote to Mr Avery N.Y. and sent 2 copies each of "Corday" "Fun and Fright" & "Fontainebleu" – also a catalogue.

Rec'd from Mr Wilson, Superintendent of Public Schools in this city, a black statement to be filled up with an account of this Institution – its number of works of art &c.
Visitors 81 $19.00 Catalogues 12 $3.00 Photos. $1.00

Feb. 1st.

Tuesday.
Filled up the blank form Supt. Wilson & returned it to him.

Mr Wurdeman left an estimate of $52. for the new umbrella stand.

Mr Thomas left a bid for the umbrella stand as $34.
Purchased Rl. Rd. tickets for $2.00.

Selected ~~casts~~ photographs for Maj. Taylor.

Mr Corcoran came in with Mrs. Pegram & her aunt from Baltimore. They were delighted with the new pictures. Mr C. was in excellent facetious spirits, making Ulke's portrait an utter failure as a portrait of his venerable kindly aspect.

Gave an extended order to Dr Jouy for more photos.

Visitors 463 Catalogues 53 $13.25 Photos. $16.50

Feb. 2

Ordered 2500 more copies of the Catalogue.

Will transpose some of the busts for the next edition.

Miss He. Hodges applied for permission to copy our works, and also Mr W. H. Dougal to copy the "Lost Dogs", granted.

Miss Welling and Miss Robinson called.

Dr Barbarin left at ¼ to 1 p.m. for the afternoon.

The tremendous wind of last night carried off one of the caps of a trap-door opening on the roof, and another would have fallen down into the Octagon but for the glass sash.
Mr Williams sent here pedestal for Iris.
Mr Smilie came & took a photograph of Morse's picture for Mr. G. Plumer Smith, also took another negative of the Diana.
Dr Hall called and thinks Thomas ought to make the U. Stand.
Mr Ellicott sent a card for the party of Mr Denipfel to see the galleries.
Mr Towles sent estimate for Umbrella-stand – to cost $75.00
Visitors 71 $17.75 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos. $5.00

Feb. 3

Letter from G. Plumer Smith, asking if the proof of the photo of Morse's picture is ready. Wrote to him.

Wrote to Supert. of Police for four policemen to attend the exhibition to-night.

Mr Thomas engaged to set up picket-fence, blown down by the wind, & to fasten securely trap-doors.

Mr Elmore Martin engaged to assist Mr Darrall at night.

Maj Taylor engaged a complete sett: of photographs for album.

Miss Helen Morse applied for permission to copy the Promethean Vase.

Mr Katstein, Mordeller, ↑came↓ from the Treasury at 4 o'clock to put together the head & body of the Jason, which was accomplished, after the statue was placed on the pedestal. I removed the Venus di Medici, from its position to the other end of the hall near the other Venuses, & substituted the Jason, which being of the same type with the Fighting Gladiator makes its position more suitable. It is a fine statue but the head is too small and feeble in comparison with the trim but strong muscular style of the limbs.
Mr Thomas brought a new trap-door.
At night a heavy fall of snow came on, which diminished the number of visitors to the evening exhibition, but still there was a good attendance. We were prepared for the umbrellas, and had them all checked, & returned without confusion or loss of any of them, as on the previous Thursday. The four policemen ordered, were on duty, but of course their services were not needed in such a limited attendance. At ten o'clock the snow was six inches deep.
Visitors (Day) 383 Catalogues (Day) 74 $18.50 Photos #3.50
Visitors (Night) 615 Catalogues (Night) 46 11.50
998 130 $30.00

Feb. 4th.

A deep snow & good sleighing, though the air is milder.
One of the Barye bronzes – a deer – was found broken off from the table, one leg broken.

Paid A. Thomas one dollar for cleaning off the snow from the pavement in front & by the side of the building.

Received Mr Fureschi's receipt, from Baltimore - $34.40.

Rec'd from Mr Avery N.Y. acknowledgement of photos & catalogue. He called my attention to one or two inaccuracies in the initials of some of the artists, but rather officiously objects to one or two points in the catalogue where his advice was needless, & not to the point. He thinks Boughton will be offended at the catalogue stating that "he (B.) grew up in his brother's hat-store" & says it is not true, because he (Avery) "knew him since he was seventeen years old"—which might be without destroying the fact as stated by "Tuckerman in his "Book of the Artists," and which I copied. Mr Avery has rather a way over self-complacent, of ~~stating~~ volunteering his advice, as though it were inquestionable. While thanking him for his accurate corrections, I shall quietly dismiss the objectionable parts of his letter as needless. Wrote to him.

Purchased stamps for $2.00.

Dr. Hall called and discussed the umbrella stand. I consulted with him about the placing of the new busts, and so can go on with the catalogue.

A bright day & the sleighing fine, though the snow melts.
Letter from Brucianni London, with tracings of Frieze for selection.
Visitors 76 $19 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos. .50cts

Feb. 5

Communication from the Smithsonian Institute (Profer. Henry) containing a letter from M. Salles Paris to _____ (which) offering for a Raphael – subject Mother & Child which he says was the original study of his Madonna & Child.

Mr Thomas came and prepared the walls near the stairway for the new arrangement of busts there.
Miss Watkins took away the painting of Diana.
Gave Mr Gibson a part of alteration in the new edition of the Catalogue.

Messrs McGuire & Geo. Ramsay of Minn. called. The former say that Brown the sculptor will be here on Tuesday next.

Visitors 444 Catalogues 43 $10.75 Photos. $1.00

Feb. 7

Senator Jones sent an order by Mr Grasse for his picture of Mr Adams by Bierstadt, & also the Yosemite Valley by that artist. Sorry to lose them. It seems Gudin's Marine View belongs to Mr Bierstadt. I wish we owned it.

Ordered two brackets for busts from Smith, to be made to-morrow.

Towles' man came & repaired the new pedestals.
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Ordered 500 blanks for daily receipts, from Gibson.

Dr Barbarin is cataloguing the Books.

Dr Hall came & settled about the umbrella-stand Thomas is to make it. He thinks "David" ought to stand where he is until the Committee meets. Wrote to Avery N.Y. in answer to his last note.
Visitors 73 $18.25 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos. $4.75

Feb. 8

Newspaper from Mrs. Shedd containing just criticism upon the N.Y. Museum of Art.

Mr Thomas came & went to work on the umbrella-stand.

Mr Price called to inquire what will be done about restoring the lost umbrellas. Have decided Mr Hedgeman to call upon the lady who has one not her own, to return it here.

Mr Brown sculptor arrived to-day, & was delighted with the changes on the Gallery since he was last here. He thinks the David is not to high. He recommends the Calhoun bust to be sent to Robt. Wood Phil'a. He admired the "John Randolph. Gibson sent up 500 copies of blanks for receipts.

Mrs. Benson called to hear the decision about the portraits by West, which was not favorable.

Willard's portrait of Daniel Webster was sent up for exhibition and approval by Mrs. __ .

Visitors 502 Catalogues 48 $12.00 Photos. $8.00

Feb. 9

Rec'd postal card from Mr Appleton Mo. saying that August/72 no art journal ordered for Mr McGuire from London, had to be printed. Will send it when rec'd.

Put all the corrected edition of Catalogue in printer's hands.

Mrs Ferry called to see about copying Charlotte Corday. Clark Mills called to see what I wished about the bust of Calhoun, while I was out. Will call to-morrow.
Dr Hall called, & does not like the Webster portrait.

Cut down the fig-leaf for one of the "Prisoner's' and sent for Katstein to be here at 4 p.m. to set them.

Wrote to Mr Clemson in reply to his of Jany.18/76.

The "Prisoners" were brought up & placed in their niches. What power & knowledge of anatomy!
Dr Barbarin remained to see that they were properly joined together.

Visitors 84 $21.00 Catalogues 13 $3.25

Feb. 10

A mild bright day.

Letter from Mr Avery making further suggestions & corrections of our Catalogue – some good some anticipated.

Mr Clark Mills came. He thinks the cast of the head of Calhoun is sufficient. Had the bust boxed and sent off by express to Mr Wood Phil'a.

The Prisoners look grand & imposing in their niches.
Sent Gibson the best additions to the Catalogue.
Left Word at Galt's to come & set the clock going.
Miss Ransom left her card. Will call upon her.

Mr Price left a written application to the Board for the price $8.00. of the umbrella taken away from the Gallery on the night of the

Dr Hall came in & ordered the fires to be put out for the evening exhibition.
Made the last corrections of the Catalogue.
The crowd of visitors at night was unprecedented.
In fact there were too many. The upper (picture) gallery was too warm in spite of the panes of glass removed. It is necessary to raise the end sashes at night in such mild weather.
Among the distinguished visitors was Mr Corcoran (of course accompanied by <. . .> some of his favorite fair friends) in excellent spirits, & gratified with the tributes of respect paid to him by the crowd. Mr Healy (artist) came with the accomplished Bryan family. He expressed his great delight & surprise over the contents of the gallery, & particularly with the casts, their arrangement &c. He said there was nothing like them in Europe. I spoke to him about the Guigot, & its condition. Mr Brown (sculptor) also was here, amazed at the crowd.
Nearly all our catalogues swept off.
Visitors (Day) 638 Catalogues 69 .$17.25 Photos.$1.00
Visitors (Night) 2500 Catalogues 128 31.90
3,138 197 $49.15

Feb. 11th

Galt's men came to repair the clock.

Wrote to Wood &Co. Founders Phil'a. about the Calhoun bust.

Made an abstract of the new casts for the papers – but afterwards enlarged it.

Mr Geo. C. Bingham artist, & adjutant General of Missouri called & we had an amicable explanation of an old estrangement, & a pleasant talk over the past, comparing notes.
Dr Fouy brought a lot of photos. Signed his bill $66.15.
Mr Bierstadt called. Wants to sell to the Gallery the Gudin Marine View.

Visitors 82 $20.50 Catalogues 22 $5.50

Feb. 12th

Letter from G.P. Smith about the Morse photograph. Sent reply & a copy of the photo.

Went to the funeral of my old schoolfellow & friend J.C. Brent.

Some English gentlemen manufacturers of painted porcelain ware came with Mr Boleler, & expressed great pleasure & surprise at the splendor of this Gallery & its contents. They tell me that the blue and gold Sevres Vase would be in England worth £1000! They think it one the finest they ever saw, and explained why it was so valuable, in the uniformity of the Mazareen blue on the edges.

Mr Bingham (artist) called & left photo of his picture of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" – rather a poor version.

While absent, Mr Brown (sculptor) called to bid goodbye. Sent photos to him.

Mr Worthington called.

Mr Price called about his umbrella.__ still undecided .
Wrote to Mr Walters.

Visitors 950 Catalogues 28 $7.00

Feb. 14

Letter from Wood & Co. Phil'a. –Have rec'd bust &c of Calhoun, think it rough, & will cost $125. Have written to them to go ahead.

Owen our fireman is very low, & I fear he will not recover. Dr Hall called to see him & he thinks he is in a bad way. It is proposed to send him to the hospital, & in the meantime to get a substitute:

Miss Eicholtz & Miss Goodhue called to get the privilege of copying – the former to paint, & the latter to draw from casts. Miss E. is another foolish aspirant to copy the Charlotte Corday, the most difficult picture in this Gallery. It is astonishing to see how these persons, chiefly women display their ignorance of drawing & color, in attempting to copy it. The work will be cheapened & vulgarized by the numbers of caricatures of it issued.

Saw Mr Bagger & the Stevenson pictures again. The prices are reduced. I fear no pictures will be bought for this gallery.

Mr Lathrop and friend called to consult a work on art.

Mr Todd is lettering pedestals and brackets.

Mr Smith sent two small brackets.

Mr Guillaume artist called.
Saw Mr Riggs and he tells me the accounts for the purchase of Rinehart's statues, and Avery's commission on the purchase of "Le Regiment"' will be sent up soon.

Wrote to Bucciani, & ordered six slabs (nos. 2. 3. XV, XV, XXII and XXIII) of the Parthenon frieze.

Mr Hegennaw is sick and absent.

Visitors 67 $16.75 Catalogues 2 .50 cts. Photos $2.00

Feb. 15

A wet stormy night and morning, though the weather grew bright as the day advanced.

New Edition of Catalogues
100 Catalogues sent up.

Got 100 copies of Catalogue, and then arranged the casts to suit it. Made a correction by pen of the error in the "Prisoners".
Dr Jouy and Mr Smilie. The latter is to re-photograph Morse's picture.
Genl. Eaton & friend called & went through the Gallery. Dr Hall called, & brought a pattern for fastening back the windows of the landing-place.
Mr Wm B. Todd finished lettering pedestals.

Sent off Catalogues to Messrs. Wirt and Lane Youngston O. paid for.
Letter from Mr Walters requesting Catalogues for himself & Profr. Gilman Prest. of Hopkins University.

Visitors 262 Catalogues 32 $8.00

[**Feb. 16**]

Letter from Mr Smith. He likes all the photo but his supposed grandsire's head.
Mr Thomas brought patent hinges for the main entrance-door.
Mr Todd finished lettering – Mr Thomas brought the umbrella-rack - & Todd is numbering it.

300 Catalogues sent up

300 copies of Catalogue sent up.

Letter from Mr Clemson in reference to his pictures.
Mr McGuire called.
Sent for Mr Taylor & took ^down^ the pictures to be varnished and those to be re-hung.
Dr Hall brought a capital contrivance for holding back the windows on the second building.

Visitors 90 $22.50 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Photos. $2.50

Feb. 17

At the Gallery at 8 ½ a.m. varnished the "Dogs" – "Spring" & "Twilight," and also put egg-varnish on Charlotte Corday" I think the latter a doubtful varnish, but Mr Walters would have. Hung the "Corday" in the main Gallery where it looks well, but not so well as when it was where the "Regiment is. Put Heir Presumptive next to Holland Beach Scene, to the improvement of both. Moved Raimy's Duck Shooting into the eaest Gallery or "Hospital".

Set up all the new busts.
Mr Guillaume brought up a flower-painting. Placed in E. Gallery.
Dr Hall new contrivances for the ~~outer~~ main door suggested.
Mr Guillaume considers egg-varnish abominable & dangerous. Another large attendance at the nightly exhibition. The crowd was not great, and the galleries were cool. It was a very agreeable gathering. Mr Corcoran is confined to his house by a cold. Dr Hall was absent. Mr Renwick (architect of this building) was here. He disclosed the fact (confidentially) that he had finished his plans for the extension of the Gallery in the rear, & from his sketches of the arrangement, I doubt not they will be comprehensive and suitable.

A strange visitor!

A Mr claiming to be Secretary of the San Francisco Art Association" called & informed that he had forwarded to us by Express (freight-paid) a box of pictures some specimens of ores &c., as a free gift to this Gallery from that Institution, which will be delivered to-morrow. He is a thorough Western man in his free off-hand manner — by the way he has one hand off! – talked of his being elected to Congress – asked what he could do for me – excused his soiled dress & dirty hands, as he had just arrived with his traps – a well used ~~sla~~ satchel, & could not help dropping in on his way to Georgetown! He tells me that Professor Wier of Yale School of Fine Arts, came on and went to Georgetown, to attend a funeral.

Visitors ^Day^ 578 -- Catalogues (Day) ~~$28.88~~ 77 $19.25 Photos $1.25
Visitors Night 1660 – Catalogues (Night) 116 28.85
193 $48.10

Feb. 18

Our fireman Owen still sick.

Called at office of Washn. Fast Freight-Line to see if the freight upon the Ceracchi Washington had been paid by Paulding, Kemble & Co. N.Y. as they said they intended to do, I found that the above Co. had paid the freight & of course had been repaid by this Gallery . Wrote to P. K. & Co. to see if they paid the bill.

Mr Riggs likes the new hanging of pictures.

Mr Hyde called & with Mr Thomas went to see the hinges at the State Dept.

Visitors 81 $20.25 Catalogues 26 $6.50 Photos $6.00

Feb. 19

Todd finished his lettering ^& figuring^ certified his bill $30.00.

Hung the mask of Jupiter back of the Apollo, good.

Saw Dr Hall & reported Owen as still sick, & urged the necessity of engaging another Man to do his work, also to decide whether the Gallery is to be open on the 22nd.
Gallery is to be open on the 22nd.
Miss Whittaker withdrew her picture.
W.B. Stoop applied & rec'd permission to copy the works of the gallery on pay-days.
Three bundles of Catalogues sent up to-day.

Visitors 836 Catalogues 51 $12.75 Photos. $1.00

Feb. 21

Letter from Paulding, Kemble & Co. enclosing money order for $8.75. for freight on Ceracchi's Washington, acknowledged it.
Letter from Mrs Shedd in reference to her inquiries about the "Ghiberti Gate"
Put the Divine on pedestal in the main Sculpture Hall.

Mr Corcoran called & stated that Mr Healy would send two pictures of his, and also a picture by Miss Bryan, to be placed in the East Side Gallery.

Miss Strong called to see if she could have another day to finish her Corday.

200 Catalogues sent.

Two bundles of Catalogues sent up.

Dr Hall & Professor Henry called. The latter was delighted with the new casts. He & Mr Matthews have signed the decision about the umbrellas lost – not to be paid for.

Visitors 104 $26.00 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos $4.25

Feb. 22d.

Washington's Birth-day! Made a wholding in all Govt. offices by Congress in honor of the Centennial year, but this Gallery is kept open for the gratification of the public. The day is no day of amusement to me, and part of it must be devoted to our visit- to ~~my~~ our daughter's grave.

Application from Chas Armor to copy the Corday. Answered.

Mr Riggs called & said that the picture of the Sacred Heart left yesterday, is declined.

Mr. -----called in my absence to see about the "sacred heart picture, but Dr Barbarin not being able to understand his Spanish French, or speak French himself, he could not be told that the work was not wanted, and so he went off leaving it here.

The crowd at the Galleries to-day exceeded all previous ones, and without disorder. There was a large visitation to Alexandria in honor of the day, so the visitors increased in the afternoon. I left at 1 p.m. to take my family to the Congressional cemetery, as this I the third anniversary of my daughter's death.

Visitors 2550 Catalogues 160 $40.00 Photos. $5.75

Feb. 23d.

Mr Bryan and Mr Healy (artist) called in my absence to-day, to inquire about the necessary regulations for admitting his pictures. I afterwards went to Mr Bryan's & met Mr Healy at work before his easel, in one of the parlors. We arranged about the picture to be sent to-morrow at 9 a.m. It is a superb portrait of a beautiful woman, Mrs Potter Palmer. The other portrait to be sent after a while, is Miss Bryan sitting at her easel sketching a head of Healy. It is exquisite in likeness, color, & pose. Mr Bryan has an invaluable set of portraits of our Presidents by Healy & several pictures by the old masters.

Visitors 68 $17.00 Catalogues 8 $2.00 Photos .50cts

Feb. 24

3 bundles 300 of Catalogues

3 bundles of Catalogues sent up –one- of them short.

C. Corday painted for Avery.

Note from Mr Avery stating ~~from Avery stating~~ that Muller painted the Charlotte Corday for him in August 175, offers to send portraits (card) of Muller & Details. Wrote to him.

Mr Healy sent down his portrait of Mrs Potter Palmer of Chicago (sister of Mrs Co.. Fred. Grant – son of the President's and I hung it on the east side of the south-east Gallery, where the light is not quite so good as in other galleries. It is a richly painted work, the colors of the face, the eyes particularly, & the dress exquisite and harmonious. Still there is a defect in the thickness of the right wrist, & the length of the left thumb. The hands generally are but so so. Mr Bryan called ^& liked^ the position very much.
Dr Hall admires the picture, but thinks it would look better in the side gallery.
Dr Jouy brought lot of photos.
Clark Mills called & copied inscription on back of the bust of Washington cast by him.
The weather is still very cold.
Wrote to Mr Avery, Mrs Shedd, night exhibition pleasant.
Visitors (Day) 480 Catalogues 59 $14.75 Photos $5.00
Visitors (Night)1100 Catalogues 68 17.00
1580 127 31.75

Feb. 25
Letter from S. S. Conaut, "Harper's Weekly", requesting copies of Catalogues & reports, sent 2 & copy of Deed Charts.
Miss Robinson & Miss Lee (daughter of Gen. R.E. Lee) visited the galleries.
Providence newspaper sent by Mrs Shedd, article on French Art.
Certified bill of Dr Jouy $52.55.
Mr Hyde returned Mr Alvord's papers about the Warner portraits; they ^are to be sent to him^.

300 Catalogues

3 bundles of Catalogues sent up.
Dr Hall called, also Mrs. Paris water-color artist.

Visitors 96 ^$24.00^ Catalogues 23 $5.75 Photos. $5.75

Feb. 26

Wrote to Mr Alvord that this evidence furnished by him for authority to receive the Warren portraits, is satisfactory, & that he can send for them at any time.

Misses Robinson called. Dr Hall came in, and Mr. Gallaudet of the Blind Asylum, who has invited me and Dr H to come & see a statuette he has.

Visitors 895 Catalogues 63 $15.75 Photos. $6.25

Feb. 28

Letter from S.S. Connart Esq. acknowledging catalogues & Deed & Charter.

Wrote to Paulding, Kemble & Co. N.Y. enclosing duplicate money order for $8.75.
Our fireman Owen is still dangerously sick.

Water pipes in the Ladies Room out of order, and are being repaired by Gorman, plumber.

Clark Mills applied for leave to have exhibited in this Gallery a plaster life-size statue of "Eve", destined for the Centennial. I consulted Mr Riggs about it, & he had no objection, nor to Mr Jones' bust of Chase being in the Bronze Hall.

Dr Hall came with Mr Corcoran in my absence, he thinks the Committee ought to see it before admission.
Miss Robinson brought from Mr Corcoran four large <. . .> photos of America, Europe, Asia & Africa from originals of leather.

Visitors 77 $19.25 Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos $1.50

Feb. 29.
A slight flurry of snow, but the day has proved bright & windy after all.
Went to auction sale of Stevenson's pictures. Met Mr Riggs there& was in hopes he would buy the "Norwegian Forest", but he did not bid. It was withdrawn after the bid rose to $625-$700 was the lowest they would let it go at. I grieve that this Gallery has not secured it.

Mr Miles ^called^ & I told him he could send his son's "Eve" here.

800 catalogues sent up.

8 more bundles of Catalogues sent up.

Visitors 366 Catalogues 41 $10.25 Photos. $1.00.

Mch 1st

Cold disagreeable weather.
P.Card from Revd. R. B. McAlpine, Pastor Uniontown Ch. Ala. asking for a catalogue, and requesting him to send cost of it.
Mr Smilie called. Will be here on the first fine day.

Gas Co. took away our meter to clean – returned it at 3 ½ p.m.
Dr Barbarin away from 2 p.m.
Our man Owen still lies dangerously ill.
1780 catalogue sold within this date
Visitors ~~68~~ 71 $17.75 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos. $1.25

Mch 2d.

Mr Corcoran brought down to the Gallery for exhibition a beautiful pastille portrait of his daughter Mrs. Eustis, placed it in the east gallery by his portrait. The work is by Guillaume, and is exquisitely done.

Miss Johnson called to get an essay or lecture on art by the late Horatio Stone. We have no copy. Mr McGuire promised to get one from his collection, if possible.

Mr Thomas came with the new hinges for the inner door of the entrance which will be put on to-morrow.

The attendance was pleasantly large.
Visitors (day) 356 – Catalogue (day) 33 $8.25 Photos. $8.00
Visitors (night)1050 Catalogues(night)77 19.25
1,406 110 27.50

Mch. 3d.

Mr Gallaudet Resident of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum called to take me to see a statuette at his residence, & a charming work it is by a young American artist A.E. Harnisch of German parentage, 26 years old, and now studying in Rome. It represents a little girl standing in a clover-field holding in her hand a four-leaved clover & gazing at it with a sweet smile as though thinking of the beneficent charms she would work with it, as represented in Samuel Lover's Ballad. The subject was suggested to the young sculptor by Dr Gallaudet, & most exquisitely is it wrought out. The clover spreads over the bare feet placed close together, the butter cup springing up between the round limbs, & behind, instead of the clumsy mass of marble that usually supports a marble statuette of this kind, is relieved by long drooping blades of grass, & above a cluster of poppies add greater grace to that part. The ~~side~~ head is gently bent to one side as it surveys the clover in the hands. Dr Gallaudet has other exquisite gems of art, in his elegant home.
Went to the Capitol to see Jones' bust of the late Chief Justice Chase. It is good.
Afterwards saw the statues of Gov. John Winthrop of Mass, just arrived as the gift of Massachusetts for the Old Hall Sculpture Gallery, and of ^Col.^ Ethan Allen the gift of Vermont. The former by Richard Greenough is a fine work, modeled after Vandyck's portrait of him in the State House Boston, & the costume of the time carefully wrought. In contrast with it is the vigorous figure of Allen by Larkin Meade, in the attitude of demanding the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga, "in the name of the great Jehovah & the

Continental Congress"! He is in the Continental uniform, with drawn sword, & firm defiant attitude.

Several photographs of Thorwaldsen's bas-reliefs left for approval by Joseph Wulff artist, who proposes to sell five plaster reliefs by that sculptor, 3 feet long, to this Gallery for $1,000.

Gibson's bill for Cat. $310

Owen is in a critical condition, but with some hope of his recovering. Mr Thomas has put patent hinges on the front inner-door. Sent down Gibson's bill for Catalogues &c.
The Catalogue item $310
Visitors 68 $17.00 Catalogues 19 $4.75

Mch. 4.

Mr Thomas finished the rehinging of the doors.

Mr Paris, water colorist, brought a portfolio of beautiful drawings for inspection.

Dr Murphy came with the sad news that poor Owen was near death. I immediately went to see him. He knew me, & I told him how much we would miss his services here, that he had done his duty, sedulously, honestly & faithfully. The poor fellow replied "Well sir, I tried to do my best!" A more honest, conscientious, industrious employee could not be found anywhere. We lose much in losing him, and I cannot ^help^ placing on record what a worthy man he was. He leaves a wife and six children.

Poor Owen died this evening at 8 o'clock, just before ^he^ expired while ~~in~~ his mind wandered, he called to his son, "Jimmie bring in an armful of wood, and keep the water at the second cock", thus showing that even in death, he thought of his duty at the boilers! below.
Visitors 735 Catalogues 61 $1.25 Photos. $1.25

Mch 6th.

Mr Price called to learn the decision of the Board upon his claim for value of his last umbrella, adverse.

Dr Hall sent up a Mr Collins recommended by Mr Ashton White to fill Owen's place until the Board could appoint some fit person. He was shown through the cellar & told what was expected of him, & he accepted the place on trial, & went to work at once, at the same ~~tim~~ rate of pay, Owen rec'd. Collins worked in the engine-room of the Patent Office for 9 years, and of course is experienced. I hope he will do.

Mr Corcoran has a man in view for engineer.

Meeting of the Building Committee.
Ordered curator to have the inside & outside of the main entrance Door painted, grained & varnished for $15.00 – also to have finger plates placed on the inside & outside of the inner spring door.
Asst. curator to have the chimney tops repaired -- also to employ temporarily a person to do the duties of the late engineer Owen McMahan, & at the same pay.

Mrs. F. B. McGuire called to recommend a person for Owen's place.

Miss Helen A Hartwell applied & rec'd permission to X copy the works of this Gallery.

Attended the funeral of Owen at St Matthew's Church in the afternoon with Dr Barbarin.

Visitors 72 $18.00 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Photos $1.00

Mch. 7

Collins, the new engineer, did not appear before 8 a.m. The fires had been ^made^ by Cassidy, nephew of Owen's wife. Collins left shortly after & has not returned. Mrs McMahan came in my absence, & implored that Cassidy be allowed to continue in Owen's place, which he will probably do.

Went with Dr Hall to see about glass finger-plates. Schneider suggested that he made of brass-plate nickel-plated which is a good idea if not requiring cleaning.

Clark Mills called & stated his son's statue of Eve would be here to-morrow. He asserts that he made the cast of our Venus di Medici, & has the mould of it save the arms.

Letter from Mr Huntington to the Board, requesting permission to let the Morse picture of the Old Hall remain in this Gallery longer. Wrote him that it might remain as long as he likes.

Mr McGuire denies that Clark Mills ever took a cast of the Venue di Medici. He bought it long before Mills came to this city.

Letter from S.P. Avery enclosing photos of Detaille and Cehas L. Meuller, & offering to supply those of others ~~of~~ French artists represented in our Gallery. Will send a list.

Mr Collins is ^dis^charged to-day in favor Mr Cassidy, nephew of Mrs McMahan, who temporarily takes Owen's place.

Dr Hall came in, & seems to prefer the nickel-plate. I am seized with a sudden and severe catarrh with headache that feels as if I were going to be laid up.
Visitors 517 Catalogues 46 $11.50 Photos. .50cts

March 8

As I anticipated the attack of yesterday keeps me housed to-day with terrible pain in the head & some fever --& no appetite. I did not close my eyes all night. Sent to Dr Barbarin to answer Avery's letter which he did. Second coat on the outside doors by Todd.

Visitors 69 $17.25 Catalogues 15 $3.75 Photos. $2.00

March 9th.

One of the flutes of Euterpe broken by the sweeper, mended by Dr Barbarin before public came.

The Chariots carrying flags announce the Gallery will be open to-night.

Clark Mills & son brought the statue of Eve, & it was set up in the modern room of sculpture between Clyde & Thorwaldsen's Venus.
Mr Riggs called to see Healy portrait of Mrs. Palmer. Messr McGuire, Bryan, Dr. Hall & Mr Matthews called. No quorum of the Board present. Mr Corcoran was there, Messr Hall, Matthews & Hyde.

My son Willie again attended to check the visitors.

Visitors	↑Day↓	545	Catalogues ↑Day↓	55	$13.75
Visitors	↑Night↓	1677	Catalogues ↑Night↓	112	27.75
		2222		167	41.50

March 9th

Todd put fine varnish on the Doors.
Mr Corcoran called – afterwards Mr C. Mills.

My malady so intolerable from vertigo, pain & congestion of the eyes, that I called in Dr Garnett – who ordered Blue Muss & colvcynth & Doven powder, to be followed up with quinine next day.
Dr Hall called to see me, & urged me to stay at home until Monday.
Visitors 64 $16.00 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Photos .50cts

Mch. 11.

Still unwell. Garnett's medicines have acted powerfully, but the quinine makes my head dreadful.

Todd finished the doors to-day. Dr Hall & My Hyde called.

The Board is to decide on Monday if Mrs. McMahan is to have the $100.
Visitors 600 Catalogues 48 $12.00 Photos $6.00

Mch. 13th.

Monday. Much relieved but not entirely ^rid^ of my malady and as there is a rough March wind blowing, did not venture out.

The clock set & regulated again.

25 copies of "Vestal" ordered from Dr Jouy.

Mr F.A. Lehman, 7th & G Sts (no.1.) wishes to place a picture here on exhibition. Painted by Kaufman – subject, an incident on the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Letter from Mr Walters Balt. stating "a friend in the city, has written him requesting permission to have exhibited in this Gallery a picture by Mrs. Louberman, to which he had replied he should apply to me, & that possibly no objection would be made. Answered.

Was pretty well through the day but still I felt as if I needed more clearing out of my system. I feel is if choked up with bile.

Visitors 45 ~~Catalogues 45~~ $11.25 Catalogues 2 50cts Photos. $2.00

Mch 14

Woke up with a severe head-ache, and in desperation took a seidlitz powder & tea-spoonful of magnesia, which briskly rid me of a quantity of bile, but left me weak & shaky. I was so tired of being at home, that at 10 a.m. I sallied out well wrapped up, to protect me against the cool March wind. It was rather sharp near the Gallery, and I hope I will suffer no bad results. All were glad to see me but I felt rather shaky.
Mills' statue of Eve is a poor affair, the lower part heavy and clumsy, the breasts too large & the head weak and insignificant. She has an apple in each hand. It suffers terribly from contrast with Clytie and Thorwaldsen. The upper part of the figure is too short for the lower.

Mrs McMahan was here & seemed glad that I was back here again, & hoped the Gallery will do something for Jimmie.

Wrote reply to Dr Huntington artist, N.Y. granting him permission to keep Morse's picture of the Old Hall of Reps. here, as long as he likes.

Wrote to F. A. Young Geo'town D.C. declining purchase of Engravings.

Mr Thomas brought up his bill for sundries $26.15.

Mr Brown sent up for exhibition his portrait of Senator Bayard of Delaware.

Visitors 320 Catalogues 26 $6.50 Photos. $5.50

Mch.15

Somewhat stronger to-day, but still very weak.

Saw Dr Hall at his rooms, & talked over various matters medical and artistic.

Clark Mills has had made a pedestal for his Eve, & tells me two competent art-critics are coming to view it.

Rec'd a note from Mr Bland Asst. Sec'y of the N.Y. Metropolitan Museum of Art transmitting a present of photos of H. Powers' "California", R~~h~~inehart's "Latona", Story's "Medea" and also of the famous antique bust of "Hadrian" – of which the head & neck are of white marble, and the rest of cement. The age of this bust is attributed to about 1700 or 1800 years ago. Wrote in acknowledgement.
Dr Barbarin left at ½ past one for the afternoon.

Rec'd a note from A. G. Richmond, Canajoharie N.Y. wanting a Greek Slave, or a list of photographs. Sent a letter.
Sent a note to Dr Jouy about more Corday, & asked for East side of P. Gallery photos.
Mr V McGuire & Dr Hall called.

Visitors 76 $19.00 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos $2.00

Mch. 16

Not at the Gallery to-day on account of the wet weather & a sick son at home.
Dr Jouy called & left one copy of stereogram of east side of the Gallery.
Mrs Murray called & stated she wished to exhibit 2 pen & ink drawings by Mrs Greatory.
Dr Hall approved of it.
It cleared up at nigh for a while, but there was not a large ^attendance^ at the night exhibition. Mr Corcoran wished to notify the public the Gallery would not be open on the nights of rainy days, but was over-ruled. Mr Hegeman's brother assisted at the door.
Visitors (day) 86 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Photos
Visitors night 602 Catalogues 50 12.50
688 60 15.00

Mch. 17

St Patrick's Day. Back again at the Gallery though weak.

Mr Smilie came to photograph pictures ^& statues^, but the weather grew showery & he left. Paid him ten dollars for Mr Smith's order for the Morse picture negative, reserving five for Dr Jouy.
Mr Miller came & undertook to repair the chimney tops for $10.00 for the two.
Sent postal card to Robt Beall Bookseller, about binding a sett of our photographs.
Mr Corcoran ~~ca~~ called. Mrs Lombard's picture of Sunrise in the Alps sent up, Mr Nicholson called. Had to leave at noon on account of illness of son, & the weather became too rough for me to return.
Visitors 63 $15.75 Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos. $2.00

Mch. 18th.

Mrs. Lombard's picture hung in the east-side Gallery.

Rec'd photograph of Cabanel, artist, from Mr Avery, acknowledged it with a postal card.

A Miss E.H. Murray artist left one of Mrs. Greatorx's pen & ink drawings yesterday, as she doubted whether they would be acceptable for exhibition. The one ^here^ is a spirited view of ~~the~~ near the Old Market Munich – 1872. Have written to Miss M. to send the other as soon as she wishes, & they will be exhibited. It will be sent here on Monday.

Dr Jouy brought 22 photos of Vestal – 19 of Corday.

Sent off a lot of Photos to Mayor Franck Taylor U.S.A. 22 large photos – 5 cabinets, & 29 sterreograms, amounting to (with discount of 20 pr cent) $23.00. to be turned over to Robert Beall, Bookseller 495 Pa.Ave. to be bound at Mr B's direction for Major Taylor.

Miss Hodges engaged to be the next copyist of P. Weber's picture of the Catskill Clove.
Mr Nicholson.
Mrs. J. W. Smith called & signed Regulations for copyist, & received card of admission. She applied to copy Weber's Catholic Clove, but must wait until one of the two ladies now painting it have finished it.
Have an introduction to the Artists' Reception to-night, but am too unwell to go.
Dr Hall called.
Visitors 392 Catalogues 32 $8.00 Photos. $9.50

Mch. 20

A cold cloudy windy day with snow ending at night in rain. Yesterday morning was the coldest this winter the thermometer at 20°. We are paying for the mild open weather of the winter proper.

Not very well but went to see Dr Hall. The glass finger-plates came in this morning & Mr Thomas after obtaining silver plated screws put two on the door. Dr Hall not thinking it necessary to put anything between the plate & the door.

Miss Hartwell came & proceeded to copy the "Lost Dogs." Left the Gallery at 12 m.

Visitors 33 $8.25 Catalogues 10 $2.50

Mch. 21

Bright cold windy morning- much sickness in the City. Feel more myself to-day., particularly as my son is down stairs to-day ^after^ an illness of a week.

Mr Healy sent for & had taken away his portrait of Mrs. Potter Palmer.
Wrote to Mr Bierstadt, artist, to remove his frame from the Gallery.
Wrote to Mr Lehman declining exhibiting here his picture of A. Lincoln.

One of the glass finger-plates was broken yesterday in my absence, by accident.

Wrote to James M. Hart, artist, N.Y. for a photographic likeness of him.

Visitors 273 Catalogues 17 $4.25 Photos $2.00

Mch. 22

Rec'd note from A.G. Richmond, Canapharie N. York enclosing $2.00 for photographs of "Greek Slave," Proserpine & Genevra." Sent them by express.

Wrote to Mrs. J. H. Ferry 1501 10th St. to know if she can copy "Corday" at a distance from the picture while two other ladies are at work.
Rec'd a reply from Mrs. F. to be here between 2 & 3 p.m. She called & will copy the "Corday" next week.. Mr. Morgan called to see about his chance of copying "Corday."
Mr Armor will come soon to copy the Charlotte Corday.

Mr Schneider repaired knot of front door.

Visitors 60 $12.25 Catalogues 15 $3.75 Photos $6.00

Mch. 23

A sprinkling of snow this morning, with raw air. Sent to Mr Naylor to repair the boiler.

Mr Williams' bill for pedestals &c was sent up here with an inquiry about some items, & the authority for others stated the facts, & returned the statement to Mr Hyde.

Letter sent up for file from the widow of the late J. M. Stanley to Mr Corcoran, expressing a wish that the Gallery would purchase a view of Mt. Hood, Oregon painted by her husband, & to be sent to the Centennial Exhibition.

Mr J.F. Miller came to repair the chimney-tops.

Mrs. M. E. B. Cary 821, 14th St. called with a newspaper containing a description of this gallery, written by her which she wishes Mr Corcoran to read & return to her. Like others she has made use of my catalogue which she highly commends however. She has a portrait of Mr Lumner which she wishes to exhibit here.

Genl. Hunter, Mrs Admiral Powell & Drs Hall and Maynard called. Mrs. Powell asked me why the "Odalisque" a nude picture, was "like a new song?" & on my "giving it up" replied "of course it is a new ditty (nudity) which, if original, was excellent. She is remarkably witty.
Mr Clark Mills is anxious to know the general opinion of his son's "Eve". It is a creditable production, but not up to the subject. He thinks his son ought to receive a commission from the Gallery – a statue of Mr Corcoran. I told him, his son ought to show a specimen of his ability to make a statue of a living man, before putting in for an order.
Mr Dougal is to copy the "Long Story" by mount.
The exhibition at night was very pleasant. The temperature pleasant and only a tumbler broken. Marsh the informant against Ex Secretary Belknap, was present.
Visitors (Day) 463 Catalogues 36 $9.00 Photos $4.75
Visitors (Night)1418 Catalogues 71 17.75
1881 107 $26.75

Mch. 24

8 Circulars from Bureau of Education rec'd & acknowledged.
The new finger-plate was rec'd today.

Sent 10 photos of "Niobe's Daughter," Scene at Fountainbleu" "Scene in the Catskill," "Theseus & Centaur" "Apoxyomenus", Celytie, "Bilemus & Bachhus", "Holland Beach Scene" and two cabinet photos of Mr Corcoran, to Mr John Sartain Phila. for the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts- & wrote to him.

Dr Jouy brought photos of "Corday" (9) Gates (13) Vestal (12) now due Gates (12) (2) (Venus Group) Thorwaldsen (3) Luvcoon (12) Great Scene (8) Vestal (16) Daughter of Niobe (4) Centaur (4) Corday (46)
Visitors 64 $16.00 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Photos. $2.25

Mch. 25.

Rec'd letter from Mr Bierstadt offering the "Marvine" by Gudin for $5,000, & volunteering to me a commission of $5,000, if the picture was bought. He evidently thinks me one of the "ring" now being overhauled by Congress. He wishes to send an enclosed order to Mr Lamb, to box the Gudin & send it to Philadelphia. Answered his letter & sent the note to Mr Lamb. Showed his note to Dr Hall & Mr Riggs & they decline purchasing the picture.
Mr Corcoran sent up a Catalogue of Works of Art of W. H. Webb, N.Y. to be sold at auction. James E. Shields Esq Norfolk Va. brother of the owner of the Powers' bust of Washington, called & intimated his intention to send for it for transmission to Washington.

An agent of the Washington Monument Society called to see if it would be permitted to put up a box for collecting contributions for the Monument, in this Building. Advised to apply by letter to the Trustees for permission. Serious leaks in all the Galleries.
A gentleman from Mississippi called to see if the Gallery would buy a Wouvermans – advised him to send it to some northern picture-mart.

Dr Hall told me that Mr Riggs had declined the present to this Gallery the picture ^of^ the Sacred Heart , offered to us weeks ago, by a Spanish ^priest^.
Visitors 205 Catalogues 17 $4.25 Photos $3.75

Mch 27

Monday. Rec'd August/72 no. of the London Art Journal for Mr J.C. McGuire (Trustee) & sent it to him.

Mr Lamb called to see about taking away Bierstadt's picture which was done.

Mr Smilie came & photographed Angelo's "Slaves" in one group, also the Apoxyomeus.

Mr Armor (painted) came & went to work on his copy of Corday.

Dr Hall called. I showed him the Webb catalogue, nothing done.

Plain note-paper & envelopes from Choate &Co. Whittaker.
Visitors 71 $16.50 Catalogues 9 $2.25 Photos $1.00

Mch 28

Another cloudy very rainy day.

Dr Barbarin went home sick at 11 ½ a.m.

Bills for various persons sent up by Mr Hyde with check.

Wanted to see Mr Corcoran about the sale of the Webb Collection of pictures & statuary to-day & to-morrow. He had gone to Baltimore. Saw Mr Riggs but he had not looked at the Catalogue, and so nothing can be done to see if some of these works for sale would not suit this Gallery. Among them is a bust of Eve by Powers – said to be fine. Sorry we can't get it to supplant the Shakespeare in the Octagon Room.

Miss Johnston called for materials for a notice of Barye. Gave a catalogue to the agents of a British work called the Centennial.

Visitors Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos $3.00

March 29th.

Bright cold morning after the rain-storm of last night.

Mr Smilie came & photographed the Talking Well, Fontainbleau.
Application from Wm. Slade for the post of fireman &c.

Went to Mr McGuire's to see his purchase of the "Norwegian Forest" which the Art Committee would not buy. It looked superb in his Gallery, & made me regret more than ever, that it is not here.
At Mr McGuire's I met Mr Robert C. Winthrop of Boston formerly Speaker of the House of Reps. in Congress. He is the 11th lineal descendant of Gov. John Winthrop first governor of Mass. whose statue by Richard Greenough has just been placed in the Old Hall of Reps. as a contribution. He gave much detail about the statue.
Visitors 63 $15.75 Catalogues 13 $3.25 Photos. $1.00

March 30

Another sprinkling of snow.
Mr Carlisle sent up letter from Mr Appleton Oaksmith, N. Ca. offering to sell a portrait (three-quarter length) of Gent. Henry Knox of the Revolution, & Secy of War, painted by Gilbert Stuart. Offers to furnish proofs of genuineness.
Showed the letter to Mr Riggs & Dr Hall & by their authority wrote to Mr O. to send the picture to this Gallery with proofs of its authenticity, & the Gallery would then judge of its merits & value.
Wrote to Mr Walters what was done.

Mr McGuire called, & afterwards Mr Corcoran with Mr Winthrop. I went through the galleries with them, and Mr W. was highly gratified with everything. He was surprised we had not bought the Gent. Warren portrait by Copley, & said perhaps I would hear from him about it.
Dr Hall came in & was introduced to Mr Winthrop.
I am to have the bust of Mr Ewing boxed & sent to Boston for Mr Winthrop.
Mr Thomas put on the remaining glass finger-plates.

Dr Jouy called, & will soon furnish the new photographs.
Miss Murray sent up two pictures of flowers on panels-common.
Visitors 391 (Day Catalogues 34 $8.50 Photos 7.00
Visitors 1075 (Night Catalogues 57 14.25

March 31

Milder but windy weather.

Letter from Mr Walters stating 40 leading pupils in Drawing from the Public Schools of Balt. will be here on Easter holidays, & asks if the Board will allow them on a pay-day. Of course they can come then, as is our custom to admit schools any day. He asks to send five dollars worth of Catalogues for them but forgot to enclose the note, as he thought he had. He will not be back before April 7th.

Dr Jouy brought photographs. Certified his bill for $54.50. Also brought a proof of M. Angelo's "Slaves" or "Prisoners."
Went to the Capitol & studied the statues of Winthrop & Allen.

In my absence Mr Corcoran called & left order for a sett of photos, less the list which he gave me to be done up in a portfolio to be read on April 15th. He was much put out about having missed the Fleusell in Webb's Sale in New York, & other pictures-as well he might be.
Sent Mr Riggs a copy of the resolution in reference to the proceedings of Committee.

Mr McGuire brought here the bust of a Mr Ewing, the grand-uncle of Mr Winthrop, and which Mr McG. has presented to him. It is not to be sent for two ~~days~~ weeks.
Mr Smilie photographed "Odalisque, Lost Dogs & Apoxyomenos.
Paid O'Hangan's for plumbing $2.25.

Gen. Knox

Mr McGuire left a print of Gen. Knox from the original in Faneuil Hall.
Visitors 67 $16.75 Catalogues 23 $5.75 Photos $1.00

April 1st.

Mr Corcoran called & left address for the photographs. He is much vexed at the failure to get anything for the Gallery from Webb's sale of pictures N.Y. I had a long talk with him about the delicacy of my position to the Art Committee in respect to buying pictures, or urging them to buy them, resulting in the understanding that hereafter that I will promptly urge & press their attention to picture-sales. Whether the Committee is disposed or not, to let him know of such sales & the works in them that are desirable.
Sent of 20 Catalogues to Mr Walters Baltimore, & wrote to his son.
Dr Hall called with Miss Markoe.

Letter from Mr Walters jr. enclosing five dollars for catalogues, which his father omitted to send.
Rec'd five dollars from Mr H. Walters, son of W. T. Walters for Catalogues.
Visitors 498 Catalogues 39 $9.75

April 3

Monday. Rain though the temperature is mild.

Charity said to be by Hans Holbein

Dr Hall gave me yesterday a letter to him from Mrs Dr R. K. Stone of Washington in reference to a picture called "Charity", owned by Miss Norton ^& brought to Virginia^ by her ancestor Mr Hatley Norton, and is said to be by Hans Holbein. It contains 72 figures. With Mrs Stone's letter is a reprint of a notice of the picture, by Thomas Ritchie (Mrs. Stone's father) once editor of the Richmond Enquirer. A ~~pen ink~~ written on this extract says it was "brought to Va. when a colony, nearby 200 years ago, whereas the notice itself states it was originally brought to this country during the Revolutionary War. Again, the letter from Mrs Stone contains an extract of a letter to her from a Miss Nicholas in behalf of Miss Norton's wish to sell the picture, in which it is stated that if "it is a Holbein, it would be worth $5. or $6,000, & the elder Sully valued it at $1,000-which last would be dirt-cheap for ^a^ Holbein, and even the larger sum would be low. In looking over the lives of Holbein in the library, I find no notice of any such work by Holbein, and it is asserted that he never painted a portrait of Anne Boleyn, whose likeness is ~~asserted~~ said to be in this picture of Charity.

Copyists of the Corday all at work.

More leaks in the galleries, owing to the drenching.

Visitors 17 $4.25 Catalogues 27 $6.75

Apl. 4

Letter from Mr Sartain acknowledging photos.

Letter from Robert Wood & Co. Phila. enclosing bill & freight bill from the bronze bust of Calhoun now on its way . The charge for outing the bust in order is $125. some $25 over the sum ordered by the Art Committee to that limit, but the letter states that the work was more than anticipated on account of the imperfect condition of the cast.

Went to Mr Corcoran's house at his request, and got direction from ↑him↓ to offer to Mr Alvord $1500 for the Warren portrait which I did in a letter.

Bronze bust of J.C. Calhoun

Bronze bust of Calhoun arrived at 11 a.m. freight-bill pd. $2.15. Mr Corcoran, Mr McGuire & Dr Hall came in. They like the Bronze bust.

Paid icebill $4.00
Received proofs of Catalogue from Gibson.

Visitors 348 Catalogues 35 $8.75 Photos. $2.00

Apl. 5

Took corrected proofs to Gibson.

Ordered a photograph album for Mr Corcoran from Choate.

Saw the bust of Alsace at Metzerott. He will send it up.
Mr Alvord owner of the Warren portraits called in my absence, & stated that he had sold them to a party in Boston for $2,000. He was told of Mr. Corcoran's offer of $1,500, and on meeting the latter here, he was urged to accept Mr C's offer of $2,000, rather than they should leave the Gallery. Mr Alvord said he would state the case to the Boston party, & see if they would not yield in favor of Mr Corcoran-stating that he would like to gratify Mr C in the matter. Mr Corcoran was greatly vexed about the picture being sold, & thinks the offer was made in consequence of what Mr Winthrop said of it. I hope we may retain it, though we have had it here long enough to have understood its great value. I did all I could to have it bought.

Sent to Wood & Co. Phila. draft for $125. for the Calhoun bust.

Mr Carl Brown (artist) called to see if he could take away his portrait of Mr Bayard at any time.

Genl. Knox

Wrote to Mr C.C. Perkins of Boston Museum of Fine Arts, to learn if original portrait of Genl. Knox by Stuart in Faneuil Hall.
Visitors 63 $15.75 Catalogues 16 $4.00

Apl. 6

Mr Corcoran called early & wishes to see Mr Alvord as soon as he comes from Va. He is still vexed about the "Warren" portrait.

Mrs. Owen McMahan & sister called to see if the latter could buy the railing of wood in the cellar which Mr Hyde had intimated to her, some time ago, could be done.

Dr Jouy called with proofs new photos, & received orders for the following "Talking Well 50 copies – Lost Dogs 100 do - Odalisque 50. - Prisoners 50 do – Fontainbleu 50 do.
The Apoxyomenos is a failure. Must be taken again.
Dr Loomis called about engaging exclusive contract for selling copies of our photos. – stereoscopic views – he says he can get them $7.50 per gross fro them, & $16.00 for cabinets.
The exhibition at night was well attended. Only 3 persons turned out.
Mr Metzerott brought quarter size bust in smooth plaster of Alsace by Gregoire – only for exhibition.

Visitors Day	448	Catalogues 39 $9.75	Photos. $4.00
Visitors Night	1153	Catalogues 51 12.75	
	1601	90 $22.50	

Apl. 7

Mr Clark (architect) & Capt Freeman called. The former told a good story about Neagle's picture of Col. R.M. Johnson (late Vice-President) which was sent to the Congress Library Committee with Benjamin West's portrait of himself, for sale. The Johnson picture is represented in a very red vest- in illustration of the taste of the Colonel, of whom, an old Whig political song said

"He always wore his waistcoat red
Because he killed Tecumseh!"

The Vest picture!

The Committee bought the West & not the Johnson, & Mr Clark ^told^ his foreman to take the West picture & place it in the Old Hall: to his surprise he was told the Johnson was hanging ^there^, and on questioning his man the latter replied, "Why sir, you told ^me^ to hang the vest picture there!

Spoke to Mr Clark about the Stuart "Washington", and asked him to get a purchaser if possible.

Mr Clark advises the Building Committee to oil all the stone work of the basement up to the coping as it is rapidly scaling off, & also that there should be a flagging around it to a width of 18 inches.

Received portfolio for Mr Corcoran's present of photos. to the Misses Randolph, and sent it to Lycett for the inscription.

Mr Lamb sent-up for & took away the frame and sketches of Mr Bierstadt's picture.

Mr Alvord called & reported that the gentleman in Boston who had bought the Warren portrait, held on ^to^ his wish to have these, and so they are to be packed by Mr Lamb, &

sent to him. Mr A. told me that the refusal of the pictures was given to Dr Brown early in March & that his sisters in company with Dr Hall had examined them, & expressed an intimation that they would probably go to Boston. He also says that Mr Winthrop had nothing to do with the transaction. This statement clears Mr W. of all thought of having urged Dr B. to buy them, for when he first saw them a week ago, he was astonished that such pictures were here. This should relieve Mr Corcoran of all vexation about the sale.
Mr Choate charges $3.00 for the portfolio.
Dr Hall came in. I told what Mr Clark thought of the building outside.
Meeting of the Board called for Monday April 10. at noon.

Visitors 41 $10.25 Catalogues 44 $2.00 Photos. $1.00

Apl. 8

Dr Loomis called again about obtaining copies of photos for sale – will decide by Tuesday.

Mr Alvord sent an order for the Warren portraits, and Mr Lamb had them taken away. Sorry to part with the <u>General</u>.

Mr Gilmor of Baltimore (grand-son to R.W. Gilmor) called to see if the Gallery would buy some old pictures belonging to his family – an assumption of the Virgin, said to be by <u>Guido Reni</u>. Landscape by Salvator Rosa, Dutch scene (on panel) by K. Molinear, and a "Nativity" by Carl Maratti.

Mr Lycett sent up the Portfolio for Mr Corcoran.

Miss E.B. Paine applied for Rules for Copyists. Supplied her.

Mr Thomas was sent up by Dr Hall to see the work needed on the cellar-floor under the 17th St. entrance.
Mr Hyde called & examined the cellar-entrance & approved the proposed repair- also stated that Mr Corcoran had sufficient brick on hand to pave the central part of the cellar, & other parts.

Met Mr Clymer of the House & broached the matter of the Stuart Washington, as a fine subject for purchase by the Library Committee of which is a member. Told him the price $1200, & he said he would call & see ~~him~~ it, as he thought it not too high for a <u>Stuart</u>.

Visitors 447 Catalogues 40 $10.00 Photos. $1.75

April 10
Fine warm sunny weather.

Saw Mr Corcoran, & told him what I had said to Mr Clymer about the "Washington" which gratified him. He fixes the price at $1,200. He will see the member of the Library Committee about it.
Wrote to Mr Clark (architect) stating the above facts.

Went out & saw Messr. Riggs & McGuire about my intended application for leave of absence to attend the Centennial Exhibition with a request for a sum to meet expenses. Both gentlemen agreed to it.

Meeting of the Board took place at noon, present Dr Hall, Mr Hyde, Mr Henry, Riggs & McGuire.
Thomas Cassidy was duly ~~elected~~ appointed fireman in place of Owen deceased.
Mr Corcoran came in.
Annual Report of Treasurer & Curator examined & found correct.
I submitted written application for leave of absence to attend the Centennial Exhibition & the Northern Galleries, ~~wit~~h and a sum for expenses, which was given, & $50 voted for the purpose.

A motion was made to close the Gallery at 4 p.m. the year round but failed.

The night exhibitions will close after April 27.
Dr Loomis's proposal to contract for supplies of photos to retail was declined.
Mr Riggs tells me the three casts ordered from Paris will come, also some drawings by Barye, & perhaps a bronze bust of Barye.
Rev. Dr. Newman called & admired the collections.

Mr John F. Miller sent an estimate for paving part of the cellar at 45 cts per square yard.

Visitors 41 $10.25 Catalogues 14 $3.50 Photos $1.75

April 11

Dr Loomis called & was told the decision of the Board not to contract to him or any one for sale of our photographs.

Mr Gilmour of Baltimore called to see what the Board or Art Committee did on his offer of old pictures. Wrote to Mr Walters about his proposal.

Dr Hall came in & informed me that Boughton had written for an advance of $200 on the picture of the "Smokers" ordered from him. Agreed to by the Committee.

Trees were set out in front of the building.

Visitors 333 Catalogues 29 $7.25 Photos $2.00

April 12th

Letter from Mr Walters in reference to visit of drawing pupils from Public Schools of Balt. on Thursday (14th) under Miss Wilson.

Letter from Mr Perkins Boston Athenaeum in reply to my inquiries about the portrait of Genl. Knox by Gilbert Stuart.

500 copies of New (7th) Edition of Catalogues sent up

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Dr Jouy brought photos. & I certified his bill for $66.-cts.

Made up Mr Corcoran's lot of photos for the Misses Randolph & sent them to him with note.
Mr Bingham (artist) called.

Visitors 86 $20.50 Catalogues 14 $3.50

April 13

Letter from Mr Walters, stating that the Gilmor pictures were unworthy of consideration.

At 11 o'clock a party of the pupils from the schools from Baltimore came – but they did not belong to the party Mr Walters wrote ^of^ who came in omnibuses with Mr David, & Miss Davis at their head. The latter remained until near 4 o'clock when they drove to the Louise Home, to visit it & the Scott statue, on their way to the Depot where they lunch ere leaving for Baltimore. Mr Davis ~~writes~~ tells me me that the whole affair is at the expense of Mr Walters – a creditable generosity. These young girls were much interested in all they saw.

warm weather

The weather is very warm.
Mr Corcoran came & received an introduction from all the pupils. He was delighted with their greeting.

Dr Hall came & "assisted" in the reception.

Dr Loomis called & got list of prices at discount for our stereoscopic views, Cabinets & full-size photographs. I told him 25 per cent would be asked.
The attendance at night showed a great falling off.
Visitors 441 Catalogues 40 $9.75 Photos $1.00
Visitors 702 Catalogues 38 9.50
1143 $19.25

April 14

Mild and raining. Anniversary of Prest. Lincoln's death. A public holiday in the Gov't offices, by order of Congress and the colored people unveil the statue of Lincoln at Lincoln Square. Executed by Ball.

Dr Barbarin left at 1p.m.
Paid Mr Noble Hegeman $2.00 for 2 nights attendance at the Night Exhibitions, at $1.00 per night. March 16th & 23rd.
Dr Hall came in.
Visitors 61 $15.25 Catalogues 11 $2.75

April 15th.

At Mr Riggs' suggestion I sent Morrison & Bro. Bookseller an ale for Mr Henry Stevens London, England, the latter copy of the St. Memin Portraits & Busts of American Governor 1860. & asked for receipt.

Among the visitors to-day was the Italian Songstress Titzier of ponderous bulk, & generally gross style of appearance.

Had to admonish a gentleman about his violating the 8th rule governing the copyists, by sitting chatting with her, obstructing the view of the statuary in so doing.

Dr Maynard called & presented me with a photograph of a painting of a '76 soldier to be exhibited at the Centennial executed by his son, who sent it to me.

Dr Hall was here.
Visitors 400 Catalogues 26 $6.50 Photos $2.75

April 17th

Letter from Daniel Smith explaining that the two small ~~pedestal~~ brackets were at the same price with the larger ones, because they were only two.

Bought P.O. Stamps for $2.00

Mr Semken called with a French agent of bronzes to the Centennial Exhibition, who furnished much information about matters of French art. He says that Detaille's portrait is in ~~the~~ Le Regiment qui passe", the tall figure in front of Meissonien. He was astonished to hear of the sum given for the "Bavarian Prisoners," and asserted that such a work by Detaille could be bought for less than $500! one seventh of what was paid for it - $3,150. He says the best Bronze Manufacturers ^from Paris^ will not be represented ^at

the Centennial^ so disputed were they with the expense &c of what they sent to Vienna in 1873.

Dr Hall came, and also Mr Corcoran with a bevy of ladies (Miss Eustis included, just returned from the South. Mr C. was hopeful of hisposing of the "Washington" to the Library Committee of Congress. Morrison & Bro. returned receipt for St. Memmin, & "Governors."
Visitors 155 $36.75 Catalogues 22 $5.50 Photos. $1.00

April 18th.

Some of the stucco ornament in the main Picture Gallery ^has^ fallen, and I have sent for Mr Sioussa (by note) to come & look at the ceiling. In the meantime, I have a barrier placed under that part whence more may fall, to protect persons standing near.

Saw Choate & Co. about cost of new envelopes, & bought a dozen of lead-pencils.

Dr Hall came and after examining the place where the stucco gave way, sanctioned my note to Mr Sioussa.

Mr Cummings called.

Visitors 373 Catalogues 35 $8.75 Photos. $1.00

April 19.

Neither Mr Sioussa nor his substitute called to see about the fallen stucco.

Mrs Dorsey asked the privilege of copying on the free days, but I declined allowing her to do so.

Sent up new photographs to the National Academy of Design N.Y.-- Princeton College – Metropolitan Museum of Art N.Y. – University of Va. – and Milwaukee Art Association.

Dr. Hall came in, also Mr Corcoran and party of ladies.

Visitors 73 $18.00 Catalogues 20 $5.00 Photos. 75

April 20

Mr Whittaker (Choate & Co.) sent up brown envelopes for photographs.

Mr McGuire called with Mrs. Fredk. McGuire and was very feeble from an attack of the gout.

Dr Hall called & mentioned that Boughton had obtained an advance of £200. for his Dutch smokers.

5 bundles of Catalogues

5 bundles of Catalogues rec'd from Mr Gibson.
The visitors to-night were of the better class.

Visitors	395	Catalogues	48 $12.00	Photos $1.00
Visitors (Night)	908	Catalogues (Night)	51 12.76	
	1303		99 $24.76	

April 21.

500 Catalogues Whole edition of 2500, delivered.

500 Catalogues brought up to-day, making in all 2500, the number ordered.

Mr Dayton Morgan came & states he will be able to begin his small copy of Charlotte Corday on Monday.

The leaf on the Fighting Gladiator was found broken last night in a very ludicrous way, but was repaired.

Got from Mr Riggs the Catalogue of the pictures in the Blodgett Collection New York, to be sold next week. Church's "Heart of the Andes" is in it, and Mr R. is interested in getting it if possible. It originally cost $10,000, but it may go at a much larger sum. Dr Hall is disposed to bid $7,000 or $8,000. I fear there is no chance for our securing it. Mr. F. B. McGuire stated that the picture is very large. Mr Walters I am told will be there on the day of sale – hardly time I should think to examine the collection minutely.

Visitors 53 $13.25 16 $4.00

April 22

Called early to see Mr Corcoran & learn his views about the Blodgett Pictures. He called at the Gallery and seems interested in the ^Art^ Committee doing something for the Gallery at that sale.

Dr Hall came in, also Bingham (the artist) with Miss Vinnie Ream (sculptress) and her mother. Miss R. says she will send men for her Sappho on Monday next. She was somewhat dissatisfied with the treatment of the Statue, its soiled condition, & poor position – of course!
Kauffman, artist, called for his "Minnehaha", and requested that one of our young men should take it down to his studio. To give Thomas a chance for a fee, I told him to take it to Mr Kauffman, as he had said he would pay the bearer. On taking the picture there, the artist generously offered him five cents! Which Thomas declined.

New (7) edition of Catalogue issued.

~~Miss~~ Issue of the new (7th) edition of the Catalogue.

Placed Mr Metzerott's bust of Alsace placed in Bronze Hall.
Carriage step-stones to be moved on Monday.

Visitors 370 Catalogues 31 (12 new) $7.75 $3.00

April 24

Cold rainy day, & the galleries gloomy.

Dr Jouy brought photographs, which were accepted.

Govr. Carroll of Maryland & Major Lee of Frederick called & examined the collection.

Note from Mrs. J. H. Ferry, stating she would postpone copying the Corday until the autumn.

A serious leak in the main Gallery ~~of~~ over the door.

Dr Hall called.
Visitors 49 $12.25 Catalogues 8 $2.00

April 25

Mr Bryce called to get bill for repairing Chestnut's Stuart Washington, but we had only the freight bill ~~for transporting it to~~ from New York to this place $1.05.

Mr Corcoran called & stated that he had a good prospect of selling the "Stuart's Washington to Congress.

Saw Mr Riggs & learned that he had communicated Dr Hall's wish about the "Heart of the Andes" Bougereau's Bath Scene & Keusett's Landscape to Mr Walters, when he visits New York to attend the sale of the Blodgett Collection.

Miss Fannie L. Krudner filed application to copy the Corday, she signed the Regulations, & will receive an assent with ticket.
Visitors 234 Catalogues 24 $6.00 Photos. $3.00

April 26

Letter from T. A. Richards Cor.s. Sec'y of N.Y. Academy of Design, acknowledging the photographs presented to it.

Miss Murray called to have her pictures of flowers packed and sent to her studio, by her servant. She says Mrs. Greatorex will send for one of her pen & ink sketches- all for the Centennial. Sent off the former.

Mr Paris called & stated he had many pictures in water-colors by English ~~colors~~ artists.
Mr McGuire called. Is interested the Blodgett sale.
Letter from S. P. Nutt, University of Va. wishes to sell a Wouvermans.
Dr Hall came in.
Dr Barbarin not here to-day-unwell.
Visitors 43 $10.75 Catalogues 7 $1.75 Photos. $1.00

April 27

Wrote to S.P. Nutt that we are not buying old pictures.
Removing carriage steps in front to proper places.

Mr Riggs rec'd letter from Mr Walters N.Y. in reference to the Blodgett Collection. The Heart of the Andes only fine picture in the Collection. Thinks it is not worth more but will go as high as $9,000 for it. At Mr R's suggestion I showed the letter to Dr Hall, & he assented to giving $9,000 or $10,000. Mr Riggs finally said he would telegraph Mr Walters of the former sum being the limit. I fear it will not fall to this gallery within price.

Wrote to D. Brucciani London, repeating my order of Feb. 14th/76, for certain reliefs from the Parthenon and which he has never acknowledged as received.
Dr Hall called with Mr Corcoran.

Visitors 365 Catalogues 34 $8.50 Photos. $7.50
Visitors night 1658 Catalogues 78 19.50
2023 112 $28.00

April 28

The "closing night exhibition." last night, for this season, was attended by persons generally of the best class, and as the numbers above show, the rain did not prevent a large crowd attending. Mr Corcoran and friends came in after 9 o'clock, & enjoyed the scene very much, & received the congratulations of many visitors. The large umbrella rack was insufficient for the numbers of that article deposited – there must have been 500 at one times on check. Notwithstanding this, only one person failed to get his umbrella.

Miss Ream's statue of Sappho was sent away this morning.

Heart of the Andes sold!

Received from Mr Riggs a telegram to him from Mr Walters N.Y. that the "Heart of the Andes" was bought before the sale last night of the Blodgett Collection -- & above our limit $9,000 – so fades my hope – not a strong one – that this Gallery would secure this great American work – for the present!

Note from W. T. Gilmor Balt. to know Mr Walters' opinion of his pictures, answered it.

Mr McGuire & is interested to learn the fate of Church's picture at the sale.
Paid Mrs. McMahan $2.50 for Washing towels.

Dr Welling and Mr Stickney called & authorized the removed by Mr Markriter, of Ulke's portrait of Mr Corcoran, to the house of the former.
Mr Bradley called to see about boxing Mr Winthrop's statuary.
A heavy spring shower.

Visitors 46 $11.50 Catalogues 10 $2.50

April 29

Mr Bradley came and boxed the bust belonging to Mr Winthrop.

Mr. Key, artist

Had a visit from Mr John R. Key of Baltimore & wife. Mr K. is a grandson of the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner", and was when very young a pupil of mine in drawing. He is now a professional landscape-painter of ability, and wishes to place some of his works on sale in this Gallery. He has studied in Europe, & has made Boston his residence. I have written to him to send his pictures as soon as he pleases.

Sale of Stuart's Washington to Congress.
Mr Corcoran's benevolence to ex-senator Chestnut S. Ca.

Dr Hall called, and at ↑¼ to↓ 4 p.m. Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Spofford (Librarian of Congress) & Senator Howe of Wisconsin came in to look at the "Stuart Washington", which pleased the Senator & Mr. S, so the sale will at once be consummated, a majority of the Committee being in favor of its purchase. The result has gratified Mr. Corcoran highly, as the sale is in behalf of a S. Carolina friend impoverished by the war. He complained of fatigue ^(not having dined)^ as walked to his door with him, bur the consciousness of the piece of private benevolence, would no doubt make "good digestion wait on appetite, and health and both."
Visitors 391 Catalogues 35 $8.75 Photos. $8.00

May 1st

May-day! Cool bright & bracing. A gale of wind yesterday (Luna chilled the air down to the thirties last night).

Letter from Dr J. F. Harrison Chairman of the Faculty, University of Va. acknowledging receipt of photographs.

Mr Markriter removed Ulke's portrait of Mr Corcoran.

Sent the box containing the bust of Mr Erwin to Mr Winthrop, & wrote to him.
Rec'd a note from Mr Winthrop asking about the bust.

Saw Mr Riggs who read to me a letter to him from Mr Walters, stating that "he was glad he did not get the "Heart of ^the^ Andes" as it was not a great picture!" It was bought at private sale, & he did not know by whom or at what price – but that more than one person was willing to give $10,000 for it. Mr W. also said that in the "Jenkins Collection" there was nothing he fancied for this Gallery save a head by Baker, which we should get for $450, & that he had seen some fine heads in Baker's studio for $500, ↑ones of↓ which he would secure if approved by the Committee. Mr Riggs desired me to state this to Dr Hall for approval, which I did to-day and the latter expressed his sanction.

Wrote to Mr Sartain in reference to the Centennial Exhibition. Sent to Mr Schneider (Pa. Av.) for another glass finger-plate.

Visitors 488 12.00 Catalogues 12 $3.00 Photos $6.00

Adams' Expressman called for the bust after the gallery closed.

May 2

Beautiful spring day.
Paid Ice bill $4.80
Dr Jouy brought new photographs.

Wrote to Mr Key, Artist in Balt. to forward his pictures for exhibition.

The Spanish minister and friends came in. It was remarkable that all of them kept their hats off until they had passed out the entrance-door, a decorous habit.

Visitors 317 Catalogues 35 $8.75 Photos. $3.00

May 3.

Letter from a friend in Edinburgh, Scotland, sending ^me^ a letter of introduction to Professor Archer, an eminent art agent, now at the Centennial Exhibition, who is

employed by the British Government in collection matters & objects of art for the Kensington & other Museums, from the Continent of Europe. My friend earnestly recommends him as an eminent & reliable person to secure things for us, "without money, without price."

Dr Hall came with Judge & Mrs. Clifford (of the U.S. Supreme Court) and ^they^ admired the collection very much.

Miss He. C. Lane brought a letter from Dr Cox of the Board of Health, introducing her as desirous of copying the works of this Gallery. Gave her a card.

Visitors 78 $19.50 Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos. $2.00

May 4

Received from Mr Sartain Phila. a card admitting me to Art Gallery of the Centennial Exhibition "until the 9th of May. This will give me an opportunity of seeing the pictures carefully before being open to the public. I incline to the idea of going before Monday.

The Jenkins collection of pictures was sold in N.Y. & nothing was bought for us! Another chance of getting pictures unimproved.

I saw Mr Riggs who read a part of a letter from Mr Walters to him, about the purchase by Mr Lucas of two of Barye's water-color-drawings of an "Elephant Hunt" & "Two Lions." He gave me also for the Gallery an extract from Mr Lucas' ^letter^ about the above purchase. It seems that there were the only things he bought. The plaster and bronzes all went high, and the latter are now held at three times the price which we payed – as for instance our small elephants cast 45 frames, whereas now they bring 150 to 190 francs! The bill for the water colors by Barye is Elephant Hunt 800 Francs

Two Lions 430
Another Commission 5/ 61.
1291.5 francs.

Mr Hyde up Mr Gibson's bill, with check.

Mr Markriter sent up man to repair window-screens.
Dr Hall came.

Visitors 300(4) Catalogues 25 $6.25 Photos $2.00

May 5th.

Rec'd a letter from Mr Walters stating that Mr Avery of N.Y. "was talking" of sending a picture here for approval, but requesting me not to open the box until I hear from him as he goes to N.Y. to talk with Avery about it.

Rec'd also from Mr Avery a letter same date as Mr Walters stating he had dispatched to this Gallery for approbation "at the suggestion of Mr Walters." Enclosed is a printed slip describing the subject.

Saw Mr Riggs & told him the contents of the above – no word yet of the Barye water-color drawings.

Saw Mr Corcoran. He intimates that for the present the Gallery funds will be appropriated for the purchase of the adjoining lots.

Saw Mr Eastman's pictures. A small head by C. R. Leslie & one by Inman, and the oil view of the Minnehaha Falls, are all I have thought of receiving here.

Visitors 74 (4) $18.50 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Photos $3.00

Rec'd letter of acknowledgement of receipt of the Erving bust from R. C. Winthrop Esq. Boston with receipt for $3.25. freight expenses. Sent card in reply, also one acknowledging photographs from Mr Bland of Metn. Mus. of Art N.Y.

Sent $5.00 to A. J. Barnes & Co. N.Y. for subsn. to Intn. Rev./76.

Box containing Barye's Drawing in water-colors of an "Elephant Hunt of Tigers" & "Two Lions." They are very sketchy and obscene in many respects.

May 6

Wrote Prest. McLosh of Princeton College N.J. in reference to the missing photographs.

Got from Mr Hyde $50. for my visit to the Centennial Exhibition as per authority of the Board April 10/76.

Miss Page and Mrs. Page Page called.
Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in, also Mr McGuire.

A 3p.m. Mr Avery's box—containing picture not to be opened until Mr Walters writes again, arrived.

Left in the 5.30 p.m. train for Philadelphia to attend opening of the Centennial Exhibition.

Visitors 294 Catalogues 23 $5.75 Photos. $10.75

May 8

Monday. Letter from myself rec'd.

Letter to me opened in my absence by Dr Barbarin from Mr Walters directing the box containing picture from Avery to be opened & placed in the Trustee's Room.
According to telegram, Mr Walters came here at 2.30 p.m. meeting Mr Riggs, Dr Hall— and subsequently Mr Corcoran came in. Price of the picture by Ferdinand Pauwels 1862. $2500.
Messrs. Walters & Hall moved the Detaille water-color into the Main Gallery in place of the Corn & Grapes, transferred to the East Side Gallery.
Mr Walters recommends the purchase of the Pauwels.
Dom Pedro is to visit the Gallery at 7 A.M. ^tomorrow^ by appointment.
Mr Corcoran to be present.

Visitors 66 $16.50 Catalogues 8 $2.00 Photos $2.00

May 9
At 7 a.m. Mr Corcoran, Dr. Hall, Messrs. Riggs & Hyde appeared here, & 10 minutes after Dom Pedro came with the Brazilian Minister. It was raining. He left his carriage, raised his umbrella & entered first. Met by Mr Riggs, he was led into the Trustee's Room and introduced to those present. At once he quickly examined everything in the Room, hardly stopping long enough to more than look at the Pauwels, & seemed to like the portrait of Bob Lawrence! On entering the Bronze Hall, he exclaimed "Barye!" It was very dark & he did not stop long but admired the "Centaur & Theseus." In the Sculpture Hall, he noticed little more than the Frieze, but seemed attached to the "Clytie." While ascending to the Picture Gallery with Mr Corcoran, he stopped in admiration at the portrait of the latter. He said the "Scheffer" was a copy, which Mr C. expected to, but Dom said the original was in the Louvre, Egypt, seemed to attract him, and he admired the Greek Slave & the Proserpine, going a second time to look at the latter. He asked if we had a Meissomer and went away evidently pleased with his hour's visit.

2 pictures arrived from Mr Avery at 10 a.m. His Ideal Head of a Girl by George Baker, & the "Bull Fighter's Story" by Vibert, both placed in the Trustee's Room.

Mr Collins from Mr Hyde to examine the roof – thinks he can stop the leak.
Dr Hall called: likes the "Baker", but thinks the others not interesting in subject, though good in execution.

Mr Lycett called, & took the "News" & Appleton's Journal to bind.

Visitors 158 Catalogues 21 $5.25 Photo. $1.00

May 10.

Mr Riggs called. He likes the "Baker" but not the "Bull Fighters".

Letter from Mr A. Oaksmith stating he had sent the Stuart "Knox" portrait.

Letter from Mr Harris Treas. of Princeton College, stating the photographs came to him but no letter.
Dr Hall & Mr Matthews called.

Visitors 58 $14.50 Catalogues 12 $3.00 Photos. $3.00

May 11

Letter from the Treasurer of Princeton College acknowledging photos, a copy of the "Heir" sent to Mr G. W. Mann of that college.
Men repairing roof.
Messrs. Corcoran, Renwick & McGuire called.

Visitors 311 (18) Catalogues 18 $4.50 Photos $3.00

May 12

Nothing of importance this day.
Miss H.C. Lane signed Regulations & began "Fontainebleu".

Dr Hall called.
Visitors 34 $8.50 Catalogues 4 $1.00 Photos

May 13

Letter from John R. Key artist. Will send pictures on Wednesday & wishes to retouch them here.
Dr Jouy delivered 42 copies of "Corday".

Visitors 321 (15) Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos. $2.50

May 15

Letter from Mr Mann, Princeton, Photo sent to him was destroyed in the mail & enclosed money for another.
Letter from M Oaksmith enclosing papers in proof of authenticity of the Knox portrait by Stuart.
Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called—Wheel-barrow repaired ↑$1.00↓ -- Stamps 50 cts.
Visitors 62 $12.50 Catalogues 9 $2.25 Photos $2.00

May 16

Mr Riggs ordered the boxing of the "Bull Fighter's Story" put aside, as it would not be purchased.

Mr Hedgman went home ill – his brother taking his place.

Letter from Brucciani (opened May 20) stating he ~~had~~ had despatched 4 slabs of the Frieze on the 2d of May.
Dr Hall & Mr McGuire called.

Visitors 305 (3) Catalogues 27 $6.75 Photos. $7.75

May 17

Meeting of Trustees called this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mrs E. Young signed regulations.
The tenant of the house on newly purchased lot will pay $25 to the Gallery.

Genl. Knox's portrait

Portrait of General Knox arrived at 2.p.m. was unpacked & placed in the Trustees Room. Board met at 5 p.m. The chief business was to receive & act upon a communication from Mr Corcoran stating he had purchased 3 vacant lots in rear of the building, & conveyed them to the Board $21,371.25 cost, also had failed to purchase the lot adjoining the vacant lot of the gallery, also he proposed to convert $121,900 Va. bonds of Endowment into Chesapeake & Ohio bonds, which were thoughtfully received by the Board, & the cost of the lots purchased be paid out of the endowment fund. No pictures are to be purchased until ordered by the Board, & all futures meetings of the Board are to be attended only by the Trustees.
Visitors 113 $28.25 Catalogues 21 $5.20 Photos $7.00

May 18

"Bull Fighters" boxed & placed near cellar steps.
Hedgman on duty.

Notice of shipment of 3 cases plaster casts 202,202,203 from G. A. Lucas per "Leipzig" 6th inst. via Southampton.
Mr Corcoran does not think the "Knox" to be by Stuart.
J. Mann engaged to remove ashes from cellar for $6.00
Visitors 443 (9) Catalogues 38 $9.50 Photos $3.75

May 19/76

Mr McGuire called on his way to the races.

Mr Markriter sent for to repair cords of windows.

Most of the visitors to-day were strangers & foreigners.

Visitors 124 (2) $31.00 Catalogues 15 $3.75

May 20

Paid John Mann $6.00 for removing ashes.

Dr Jouy called, and late in the afternoon Mr Corcoran came in with Miss Welling, & Mrs. Pegram of Balt., with a number of young ladies from the latter's seminary, 25 in no.

Visitors 403 Catalogues 37 $9.25 Photos. $6.00

I arrived this morning from my trip to Philadelphia, New York and Newburgh, after an agreeable & interesting visit of 14 days – one week of which was devoted to the Centennial Exhibition- and particularly its art galleries. Mr Sartain of Phila. had sent me a card of admission to the art Gallery of Phila. two days in advance of the opening, which privilege gave me an excellent chance of studying the pictures before the crowd came on the following Wednesday.
I was annoyed at the grand style of the Art Gallery building or Memorial Hall as it is called, and though much of it was unfinished, & many of the pictures from all nations of the world.
After a fair survey, I considered that the American Gallery excelled all others in landscape & portraits, the English water colors & animal pictures were ahead – the French shows nothing remarkable, but much horrible trash, & the Austrian has the best historical work. The finest pictures of ~~a~~ private ownership are among the English Dept. Two studies of Lions, the havelled monkey & the sick Monkey by Landsees, the "Bays digging for rats" by Wilkie, & others are beyond all competition. The English pictures have the subjects & artists on the frames – a good idea, which I will adopt here. The catalogue of the Art Dept. is a disgrace to the Exhibition. I saw the new academy of Fine Arts in Phila. & visited the N.Y. Academy exhibition when in that city. After spending two days at Newburgh with H. K. Brown, sculptor, I returned to this place.
Found here a letter from Thos. Faed artist, Edinburgh stating he was not sure there was ever a key to Shakespeare & his contemporaries. He has a proof with autographs of the characters—which he would sell for 6 guineas.

Found also letters from Mrs. Shedd, Providence, enclosing a list of the names designating the statuettes of the Ghiberti Gate, derived from the photos, issued by Prof. J. F. Weir, Yale School of Fine Arts. I think that most of them are the merest conjecture. Ansd.

Also a letter from Mr Weeks. N.Y. offering to sell for $50. the original study by the elder Jarvis, of the head of Commondore Bainbridge. Cheap, if original.

(21st)

Also communication from Mr Oaksmith N.C. enclosing stamps & 50 cts ($1.50 in all) to pay freight on Knox portrait from Balt. The portrait is very doubtful as a Stuart. The head is good but the left hand is faded & gone. The dress & epaulettes are poorly painted & ^ones of^ the latter nearly faded out.

Letter also from Brucciani London, stating he had despatched May 2d. via Southampton, 4 slabs of the Frieze of the Parthenon.

May 22

Monday. Mrs Bradley brought picture to keep in the Trustees Room by Dr Hall's request. Receipted for it.
Dr Slaughter & other divines of Va. came & were admitted free & received six catalogues.
Solomons – too trashy to be rec'd here.

Visitors 403 Catalogues ~~37~~ 26 ~~$9.25~~ 6 50 Photos. $6.00

May 23
Raised the sashes of the P. Gallery lights, & put up the screens, to the great improvement in light & temperature.

Rec'd 2 boxes containing 4 landscapes (one unframed) from J. R. Key artist, Balt. No titles with them. Sent them up to the S.E. Gallery. Paid freight $3.42 & 30 cts for men.

Mr Paris brought a lot of English water-color drawings by Joseph Nash Rowbotham, & C. Green. The largest by Rowbotham a hulk of an old French fugate – very fine- price $1200.

Visitors 447 Cats. 38 $9.50 Photos. $10.50

May 24

Key's pictures hung, and placed the pictures of Mr Paris in the East Side Gallery.
Letter from Mr Key stating he would be here to-day.
Mr Corcoran sent down the papers about the authenticity of the Knox portrait by Stuart. They show in the Knox mansion at Thomaston, Me, & that his father bought this portrait at an auction in N. York, & he recognized it as the original but whether it was the original is doubtful: most persons not being able to tell the difference between an original & a copy. Besides, it is strange that such a portrait by Stuart should have ever been sold at auction.

Mr McGuire brought two of the old famous lithograph portraits by Chas Frederick, taken over 30 years ago – likeness of Father Matthews of St Patrick's Church and the late Peter

Force, once Mayor of Washington. He proposes to give the whole collection to the Gallery provided they are properly bound.

Purchase of Pauwels Lievin Pyn Bakers Ideal Head

Dr Hall came in & Stated that the Pau^w^els picture & the Ideal Head by Baker were bought by the Committee on Art, but not paid for, and until paid for they are not to be hung in the Gallery. The "Head" is a lovely picture of a lovely ideal woman – equal to anything Europe can produce. The Pauwels is a technically good work, but painful in subject, & of little interest to our people. Price $2,500 for the latter -- $540 for the former. I grieve to think how many gems of American pictures in Phila. & N.Y. could be bought for the price of the Pauwels.
Miss LaConte looked over the Catalogue of the Centennial Exhibition.

Mrs. & Miss Page called & admired Baker's "Head".

Rec'd Mr Lycett's bill $6,500
Another water-color drawing sent up by Mr Paris
Visitors 102 $25.47 Catalogues 12 $3.00 Photos $1.00

May 25

Wrote to Mrs. Shedd, of Providence.

Mr Riggs called & examined the English water-colors. Admired the Imperieuse, but thought that even ^it^ was not of importance, and merit-sufficient to justify its purchase. This is surprising after purchasing Barye's sketchy rubbish.

Mr J.R. Key artist came in, & gave names for his pictures, and paid the charge of freight &c.
Dr Hall called.
Dr Barbarin left at 1 ½ p.m. indisposed.

Visitors 354 (1) Catalogues 41 $10.25 Photos. $4.00

May 26

Rec'd letter from Baldwin Bros. & Co. N.Y. enclosing shipping charges on the case of Frieze slabs, arrived in New York from London in the "Canada", also enclosing form of oath for me to sign & swear to & return that he may get the casts entry free. Went to the Treasury, & found I would have to go to Georgetown & there swear to the C. H. Offices. Did so. It was very stupid that the casts were sent to N. York, & not to Baltimore from Southampton. Wrote to Baldwin & Bros.

Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall & Mr McGuire came in my absence. Mr McG. left over ~~to~~ 60 of the portraits of members of Congress, citizene Heinderich 35 years ago, with directions how to have them bound. Mr Corcoran was delighted with them.
Mr Key painted on his large view of the Golden Gate.
Mr Lycett came & got instructions for binding the lithograph portraits.

Visitors 72 $18.00 Catalogues 17 $4.25 Photos

May 27th.

Mr. Corcoran came & left a copy of the print of "Shakespeare and his contemporaries "with ^engraved^ autograph signatures of the different personages attached. I will try & have a sketch of these made of them for a key, to be hung under the painting.

Mr McGuire, Miss Welling & Miss Tunstall of Richmond called, & stayed sometime in the Gallery. They both are agreeable & intellectual women, of sprightly conversational powers.

Mr Key is painting on his pictures to-day.

Visitors 372 Catalogues 43 $10.72 Photos. $2.00

May 29th.

Monday.
Rec'd from S. P. Avery Esq. N.Y. letter & Medal (reproduction of the one in gold) given to Priou for his "Satyrs" by the Salon. It seems that he like many others sell his gold medal, & is satisfied with a copy in base metal. Acknowledged them.

Mr Worthington Balt. came & gave a glowing account of the Centennial. He says he has seen all the European ones, but the Philadelphian beats them all.

Leak in the Ladies' Water Closet. Sent for a plumber.

Mr Todd (painter) called after his return from Phila.

Wrote to Mr Winthrop Boston about Stuart's Knox in Faneuil Hall.
Wrote to Mr Sartain about the walls of Memorial Hall & the Academy.
Mr Riggs objects to putting the Gallery Avery's pictures until paid for.

Mesers. ^McGuire^ & Dr Hall called.
The casts from Paris, Mr Riggs tells me are in Baltimore.
Mr Smilie in to come to-morrow and photograph :Alsace: and Apoxyomenes.

Visitors 83 $20.75 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Photos. $1.00

May 30

Decoration Day

Letter from Mr Walters, stating Mr Fureschi would be here to-day. Mr F. soon appeared saying that Mr Walters had told him that the French casts left Baltimore on Saturday. Sent to Knox to see that he brought up the casts early, & he sent word that their wagons & horses chiefly engaged for Decoration purposes, would hardly be ↑able to↓ bring them here to-day. So Mr Fureschi went away to return to-morrow.

French casts, Wrestlers &c

At 1 p.m. the 3 cases of French casts arrived. Diana with the Deer, The Wrestlers, and the Boy pulling a thorn from his foot. The last is perfect. The hands of the wrestlers & rump of the deer are broken.
Messr. Poole & Fisher (artists) called.
Mr Cranch called.
Mr Smilie photographed the Apoxyomenes.
Visitors 202 Catalogues 21 $5.25 Photos. .25cts

May 31

Letter from Mr Chas. C. Perkins, Boston, stating he had sent me a copy of the "Nation" containing an article on the antiques exhibited the Art Memorial Building, & wishing me to call Mr Corcoran's attention to the scheme proposed which he says "needs his co-operation & approval to be realized, which has much to do with educating the public taste. The "Nation" has not reached me.

Fureschi begins

Mr Fureschi is rapidly repairing the casts. The Wrestlers & Boy with the Thorn in now ready.

Gave orders to Mr Taylor to make pedestals for the casts.

Mr Hyde called & stated that Dom Pedro would probably call to-day or to-morrow in a <u>private</u> way.

Mr Smilie took a negative of Gregoine's bust of "<u>Alsace</u>". Postal card from Mr Trimble 200 West Balt. St. Balt. to know the <u>free days</u>.

Miss Eustis, Mrs & Miss Bayley of Va. called and examined with great interest Fenderick's portrait of eminent statesmen & citizens of Washington D.C. Miss Eustis aggress with me that Rowbotham's "Imperieuse" would be a good purchase for the Gallery.

Dr Jouy brought photographs of "Heir Resumptive". 28 accepted.

Visitors 106 $26.50 Cats. 29 $7.25

June 1st.

Brought up the Boy with thorn, & placed it temporarily on the pedestal of the Bone-player-the latter placed on the window. Shifted the crouching Venuses to wither side of the Luca Venue, & thus made room for another statue or two.

Mr Taylor got the measurements for the pedestals. Mr Fureschi will finish the Diana to-morrow. The Wrestlers will be on a temporary pedestal to-morrow.

No word yet of the English (Frieze) casts.
Mr Key has finished his pictures.
Mr Corcoran called & left word that he would select the "Golden Gate" – but when told Mr Key would have others here in December next assented to choosing one then if those now here were not taken away.
Dr Hall called & drove me to Oakwood Cemetery.

Genl. Ramsay, Major Breckinridge & family came in & admired Baker's "Ideal Head" very much.

Dom Pedro has not appeared yet (3 ½ p.m.)
Mr Smilie did not come to-day.
Went to buy Marroon hanging for pedestal of the Wrestlers.
Bought from Perry Bros. 8 yds. of Marron fabric for pedestal $5.00
Visitors 494 Catalogues 40 $10.00 Photos. $8.00

June 2

Rec'd copy of the "Nation" containing Mr Perkins' article on the Castellami Collection of ancient marbles, bronzes, ornaments & which was offered to the British Govt. (after being placed in the British Museum for a £40,000, and which will be on exhibition at the Centennial shortly. Mr Perkins proposes ~~for~~ that the principal Art Institutions in this city, take a part of them, by subscription or otherwise, & that Mr Corcoran should head the list.
Saw Mr Corcoran & read the above & Mr. Perkins' letter to him, and he wishes me to inform him that he no longer has anytime to do with such matters. The Board & Art Committee having exclusive charge of them.
Wrote to Mr Perkins to that effect, that at present we had no place for <u>Museum</u> articles, that in consequence of recent purchases for extension of the Building, & the purchases of works of art will be extremely limited.

Visit of the Empress of Brazil, Prince Louis, & Suite.

At noon the Empress of Brazil, Prince Louis de Saxe Coburg Joflum, with a suite of two ladies & two gentlemen, called and went through the Building, evidently pleased with all they saw. Her Majesty is in delicate health, & waddles much in her gait, but her manner is swift & her smile agreeable. Prince Louis is a fine tall manly young fellow of Saxon style noble profile, which is accounted for by the fact that he is a grandson of Louis Philippe of France, as he informed me when looking at the equestrian statuette of the late Duke of Orleans, the Empress & Prince left their autographs with the Curator.

Rufus Wright, artist, N.Y. called & expressed a will to send here for exhibition (at his own expense) his picture of the Inventor of Bauker, now scheduled in the N.Y. Academy's Gallery. Request granted.

Mr Lycett sent up that the Book of Lithograph by Fenderick with strong drawing paper leaves will cost $16.00.

Mr Taylor put the Wrestlers' temporary pedestal, & ^is to^ cover it with the maroon fabric. Sent to Perry for 4 yards more & had it sewed together, & plaited ready for to-morrow.

Mr Fureschi brought up the Wrestlers from the cellar & it was put in the position – looking very well -- & improving that part of the Hall much more. The Jason was placed near the window – I have thus got all these athletes & subjects of physical action in happy proximity, securing unity in the grouping.
Mr Fureschi drew $5.00 on a/c/ & left. He will return in a fortnight.
Visitors 87 (2) $21.75 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos $4.00

June 3

Letter from Mr Walters stating all the casts ordered from France by Mr Walters were now here, except the robed statue of Augustus Caesar – which will not be here for six months.

Mr Taylor put up the Marroon cover to the pedestal of the "Wrestlers". It looks admirably.

Returned Fill's bill, to reduce item for Aldine to $6.00 from $12.00 as I have ordered the delivery to be stopped after June 30th.

Mr Riggs (brother to Geo. W. Riggs Trustee) called & introduced himself, & proved a very agreeable gentleman full of information about Parisian art. He lives in Paris, and has a brother who owns a remarkable collection of ancient armor. This Mr Riggs has a collection of Mexican curiosities. He is astonished that we trust to picture-dealers for our purchases of works of art. He knows Lucas & says he is one of the small set of them, & is not regarded by Parisians as having either taste or judgment. He thinks the Detaille

water-color is entirely ~~under the~~ unworthy the sum paid for it – It ought not to have brought more that $1,000! He promised to send the catalogues of 1874 & 1875 Expositions.

Miss Markoe called - & Dr Hall also.

Visitors 302 Catalogues 39 $9.75 Photos. $2.00

June 5

Monday, a cool pleasant day after yesterday's showers.

Rec'd a communication to the Trustees from John A. Blake Esq. on the part of the Washington Monument Society, asking the privilege of placing in this Gallery boxes for contributions to that Monument. Handed it to Mr Hyde, and was authorized by him to give the assent of the Trustees. The pictures by Pauwels & Baker are paid for, & will be placed on the walls of the side Gallery to-morrow. The rejected still awaits Mr Walters further orders.

Mr Paris, water-colorist called and stated that he leaves for England in a few days, & wishes to leave his water-colors until his return in October – also a portfolio of drawing in our private charge. He will leave a list of prices.

Mr Darrell (Janitor) too unwell for duty to-day.

Mr Riggs sent word that the Pauwels & Baker ~~to~~ be hung & the rejected pictures to be retained for the present.

Left at 3 p.m. to attend the funeral of a friend H. C. Taylor Georgetown.

Visitors 101 $25.75 Catalogues 13 $3.25 Photos. $2.00

June 6

Note from Miss M. A. Hooper, Boston Mass. requesting a copy of "Fun & Fright", wants to know if the picture is the original exhibited in Boston Art Club, 2 years ago. Answered, & asked if the photo he sent by Mail or Express.

Hung the Pauwels & Baker in the east-side Gallery & re-arranged the water-colors. Also removed Fairman's Corsica Coast Scene into the Southeast Corner Gallery.

Mrs. Morrell artist called & tells me that Fairman had 3 of his pictures rejected by the Jury of the Parisian Salon last year; also that Sully did <u>not</u> paint the portrait of him in our gallery, but that it was the work of a Mr Broadwait, photographer, Phila.!

Mr Fill corrected his bill, & I sent it to Mr Hyde.

Mr Corcoran & Mr McGuire called. The former met Mrs. Morrell & conversed about the Sully portrait.

Mr Pratt & Mrs. Greatorex artist with the pen, came in. She is enthusiastic over the Gallery & its arrangement.

Wrote to Mr C.C. Perkins, Boston, for information about the history of the Knox portrait in Faneuil Hall.

Visitors 331 Catalogues 30 $7.50

June 7

Mr Lycett called about quality of paper for binding lithograph portraits by Fenderick.

Went to Georgetown by request of Trustee Matthews to suggest how a portrait of Mr Linthicum should be hung in the Institute founded by him.

Mr Paris artist called & left a list of the names & prices of his pictures in water colors.

Visitors 102 $25.50 Catalogues 16 $4.00

June 8

Letter from Baldwin & Bros. N.Y. enclosing bill of charges on case of casts from London to New York – £ 68.50 – and that it had left N. York yesterday (7th), by the Penna. Rl. Rd.

Note from Mr Reigart 715 7th St. stating he has the first painting (landscape) by Benjamin West, also a portrait of Robt. Fulton painted by himself when a student of West.

Visitors 365 Catalogues $10.75 Photos. $3.50

June 9

Letter from Mr J. Herbert Shedd, Providence, R.I. stating that Mrs Shedd was to have a work on the Ghiberti Gates published with illustrations by Osgood & Co. Boston, and asking if the photographs of the latter could have the privilege of making negatives from our cast of the "Gate."

At noon the case of casts arrived from Brucciani arrived, all in good order save one that is badly broken. One representing the sacrificial animals oxen is a strong cast, two of them

of charioteers are good but imperfect, & have no connection with others of the set, the 4th (broken) is not shown yet, & hope it will a connecting link between it and others.
The bill for freight from New York $11.76 – cartage $2.00 making the entire cost of the casts $ ~~10~~ 82.26 was sent to Mr Hyde who gave a check for the whole amt.

Sent a telegram to Fureschi to come to-morrow.

Visitors 85 $20.25 13 $3.25 Photos. $5.00

June 10

A hot day.
Postal card from Mr Fureschi – will be here on Monday.

Senator Howe & Hon. Mr Clymer called to talk about the history of the Stuart Washington offered to Congress. I read to them much about the Washingtons by Stuart from Tuckerman's Book of Artists and directed their attention to the appendix to Irving's Washington where further points are given. After looking at the picture in our Gallery, I accompanied them to the President's House, where in the Green Room, I examined the full-length portrait of Washington, said to be by Stuart, which Mrs. Madison cut from the frame to keep it from the hands of the British after the capture of Washington. If not Stuart's it is well copied. The eyes are not looking at the spectator as in the original study in ^the^ Boston Athenaeum, but to one side. I certainly ^think^ the (Chestnut) head in our Gallery is equal to it.
In that same Green Room is a head of Jefferson claimed to be by Stuart, & a replica by him of the famous one burnt in the Library of Congress years ago. This was bought by the Library of Committee, being well authenticated by them, but according to my recollection of the original burnt this replica is not by Stuart. It has not his color, his fine modeling, & peculiar penciling. The canvass is not such as Stuart painted on (quilled) & the ground is utterly unlike the clear hues he used in that part. I did what I could to convince both gentlemen that our portrait of Washington was a genuine Stuart. Get. Stuart of S.C. from whom it comes, informed Mr Corcoran that it was painted for his grandfather Col. Chestnut of the Revolution. by Washington's consent.

Dr Hall & Mr Wallach came in.

A tremendous shower cellars flooded!

A little after 3 p.m. a tremendous deluge of rain came down flooding the pavement to the top of the first door step. All the cellars were flooded one foot-deep, and making it necessary for the gallery-keepers to wade through the tide to reach the back cellar where the Frieze casts were exposed.
After the waters subsided the cellar <. . .> floors were very muddy. The roof did not leak to any material extent.

Visitors 350 ^Catalogues^ $27 $6.75 Photos $1.00

June 12th

Monday. The water all out of the cellar, but it is too damp for Mr Fureschi to work in. He came this morning & has mended the broken relief in our wash-room.
Letter from Mr Sartain describing mode of hanging pictures, preparing walls &c, in the Centennial & Academy.
Saw Mr Corcoran at his house & told him about my interview ~~about~~ with Howe & Clymer. He is rather apprehensive about them taking the Washington.
Professor came & introduced (Professor?) Sir Wm. Thomson of Glasgow, Scotland.
At non the Board met. Dr Hall & Messr Hyde, Matthews, McGuire, Riggs & Cook, Mr Corcoran came in during the meeting. Among other business, $100 was voted for Contingent Fund to the Curator, and the Building. Committee is to arrange for vacation to the employees.
Mgor. Porter (explorer) offered to present to us photos, of Western Scenery.
Wrote to Mr Shedd, Providence, giving permission to Mr Osgood Boston, to send photographs here to take negatives of our "Gate".
Visitors 85 ↑(2)↓ $21.25 Catals 16 $4.00 Photos. $3.00

June 13

Another hot day.

Went to see Major Powell of the Geological Survey. He promises to give to this Gallery of Art, several hunched photographs of Indians, Scenery &c made in ~~the~~ his explorations of the Great West, provided we place them in suitable portfolios.

Sent to Mr Sartain Phila. postal card thanking him for his last letter.

Letter from John R. Key, Boston, Mass. Replied & asked him to send me what he could learn about the Faneuil Heall Knox portrait by Stuart.

Mr Taylor with Fureschi, after the statues were removed to the adjoining galleries, erected a scaffold for putting up the reliefs of the Parthenon – taking down the Head of Juno.

Visitors 304 (29 Catalogues 37 $9.25 Photos. $3.50

June 14

Letter from Miss Mary A. Hooper enclosing photographs from Fun & Fright – 29 Concord Square Boston. Enclosing two stamps, to be sent by mail. Sent it.
Wrote to Mr Key artist Boston, for information about Knox portrait.

Work on setting up reliefs going on rigorously. Removed one slab of 3 figures from the South corner & put alongside the room for the charioteers & Oxen. By 5 o'clock had 2 of the reliefs up one fastened & the other ready for tomorrow's work.
Senator Ingalls called. He thinks Socrates' bust is the image of Senator Morton – a candidate for the Presidency.

Visitors 67 $16.75 Catalogues 12 $3.00 Photos $1.00

June 15

Letter from Mr Winthrop Boston, not able to learn anything of the Knox portrait in Faneuil Hall.

Mr Todd called to look at the painting needed for reliefs &c.
Drew $100. from Mr Riggs for Contingent Fund.

Mr Corcoran & grandson came in, while some ladies from Staunton Va. were here. He tells me that Mr Clymer is disposed to take the "Washington" & has no doubt Mr Howe will agree to it.

Dr Hall called & thought the new reliefs looked well.

The Frieze reliefs are all up & when uniformly painted will appear as well as they can be expected from their fragmentary character. The one showing the oxen is rather incongruous with the three human figures before it, as the leading ox has no head.

Visitors 384 Catalogues 42 $20.48 Photos .75cts

June 16

Mr Fureschi is filling up the spaces between the reliefs. Mr Taylor is preparing the wooden cornice below them.

Receipt for an order from Mr Avery to pay to W. T. Walters the cost of Pauwels & Baker pictures. Sent up for filing to-day.

Receipt of G. H. Boughton England, for £200. advanced on his pictures for this Gallery, also received this day.

Mr Bartlett sculptor called & went through the bronze & East Galleries. He is well acquainted with Barye's sculptures, and knows his family. He had much to say about them, being an enthusiastic admirer.

Visitors 100 $25.00 Catalogues 18 $4.50

June 17

Work on the Parthenon reliefs all finished, and the Diana placed on its pedestal & united together. The Juno is lifted up behind the Apollo in the vestibule, but it does not look so well there. The light is not good. Mr Fureschi has finished his work & left for Baltimore, after receiving his pay. $38.40 – less the $5.00 rec'd on a/c somedays before, together with $2.40 from the Contingent Fund, omitted in the bill, for one fare to & fro Baltimore.

Mr Taylor hung more maroon drapery behind the Juno, removing the circular frame that once stood there.

Dr Hall called with Mr Miller.

Clark Mills, sculptor, called & left with us (permanently) a letter to him from J. C. Calhoun S. Ca. inviting him to come & take a cast of him for a bust. Written ~~ju~~ April 12th, 1845 – showing that to have been the year when it was taken & not 1844, as stated in the Catalogue.

A Mr Arthur W. Porter, Champaign, Illinois, called and astonished me with stating hal there is attached to the Agricultural Institute at the place, a large Art-building 100 ft square, which has a very large collection of statuary, given to it by the Regent Dr Gregory. He will send a catalogue. There is Art-Instruction also given it, & some of the Professors will visit the Gallery soon.

Visitors 359 Catalogues 26 $6.50 Photos $1.00

June 19

Monday – cool & breezy.
Mrs. Dorsey has finished her copy of Charlotte Corday after a labor of four months & a half!

Had not time to try the Apollo & the Diana together in the Main Hall, so placed the latter in the right corner of the east hall, restoring the Milo, Purdicilia & Polyhymnia to their old places. The effect of the group is grand, but though the Diana looks well, I will not be satisfied until I try her & her brother together in the middle of the end of the hall.

Mr Todd came & is sizing the statues to be painted, after having put one coat on the new bas-reliefs of the Parthenon, which already look better.

Mr Corcoran & grandson called. He complains greatly of the want of ventilation of the picture-galleries, & no wonder. It is oppressively hot there, and all my urging to have it remedied, has failed to secure any effect to remedy it.

Mr Corcoran gave some interesting information about the Jackson portrait by Sully, which I never had before. He bought it from John F. Coyle for $350.—paying further sums for its repair. Jacob Thompson, Ex Secy of the Interior under Mr Buchanen, has recently been here about a threatened suit to be brought against him by the U.S. for $2,000,000 bonds stolen by a subordinate officer of his, while Secretary. He claims again – as he has before – this Jackson portrait from Mr. C. on the plea that it belonged to him, & was only deposited with Coyle. Mr C. says his reply was as before that if he (Thompson) would repay the price of it & its repairs, he might take it, which Thompson won't or can't do. Mr C. also reminded him that he (Thompson) owed to him (Mr C.) $20,000 on an old obligation, & that under the circumstances, it was useless to apply for the recovery of the picture. It seems Coyle declared Thompson's wife gave him the picture. Mr Corcoran also adds that Thompson thinks ~~he~~ he ought to get <u>thousands</u> for it, whereas he offered it once in Paris to C. for $500.

Miss Lineberger called & left an extract from a newspaper containing an article about this Gallery, written by a <u>lady of color</u> – a Miss Forten, who was educated in Boston, & is now a ~~Treasury~~ Govt. clerk. It is the same ~~color~~ article that another colored person – a Mrs. Cary – brought here some months ago, and which I supposed was written by her. Miss Lineberger also left with me another extract from a newspaper, written by Miss Forten, very complimentary to the Curator for the excellence of the catalogue.

Dr Hall & Dr Jouy came in.

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Dr. Barbarin left 10 o'clock a.m. being unwell.

Advanced $0. to Mr Martin to be refunded July 1st.

Visitors 140 $35.00 Catalogues 21 $5.25 Photos. $1.25

June 20th.

Mr Todd at work painting casts.

Albert E. Burche applied by letter for the privilege of copying casts. Granted & card of admission given.

Dr Hall, Mr McGuire & Miss Edes called. Mr McGuire got his supply of photographs.

Dr Gallaudet, President of the Deaf & Dumb Asylum called with 3 mutes. Very intelligent young men, that enjoyed the Gallery very much. In looking as the "Monk Fishing", Dr G. called to my attention to the red rag on the bank, with which the frogs were caught—I never having known that was the bait used for the purpose. Dr G. also spoke of bringing his "Four-leaved Clover)" Statuette here for exhibition, but said he

would do so in the autumn when there were no flies to soil it. He spoke of a model in clay of a "child praying" which Mr Harmisch had made in Italy, and hoped the Art Committee would order it in marble.
Took print of "Shakespeare &c" home to sketch a key for it.
Visitors 314 Catalogues 41 $10.25 Photos. $6.50

June 21

Mr Todd this morning is painting the corner ~~of~~ below the Parthenon Frieze, a walnut color, which is an improvement.
A bright, breezy, cool day.

Mr. Geo. Maynard, artist, called. He thinks the Vienna Exhibition was superior to the Philadelphian.

Dr Hall called.
Mr Todd ^walnut^ colored the cornice under the frieze – a vast improvement.

Visitors 121 $30.25 Catalogues 12 $.297 Photos. $2.25

June 22

Note from Miss Hooper, stating her photograph had arrived but bent over by breaking of the board.
Mr Todd continues painting casts.
Mr ^J. C.^ McGuire & Mr ^C.^ Volkmar of Baltimore called. Mr V. is to send here a picture for exhibition—it was in the Paris Exposition 1875. He resides in that city.
Mr F. B. McGuire & Mrs. V. Taylor called. The latter went through the Gallery with me, and was pleased with everything.

Visitors 450 Catalogues 50 $12.50 Photos. $6.25

June 23

Letter from Mr. Chas. Volkmar Balt. about his landscape which has arrived here. It is a "Ford on the Aumance near the Vichy, France – price $200. The picture has a strong cloudy effect, but is painted in the regular French style, rough, coarse & utterly deficient in color.
Mr V. has also sent to me a present two etchings of French landscape, which are far superior to his painting.

Admiral Thatcher's letter about Stuart's portrait of Genl. Knox

Letter from Mr Winthrop, Boston, transmitting a letter from Admiral Thatcher of Winchester in regard to the Knox portrait by Stuart in Faneuil Hall, Boston, and which Mr W. allows me to copy, before returning the original, ~~which~~ as I have done.
Admiral Thatcher states positively that the portrait of Gen Knox by Gilbert Stuart was given by the family to the city of Boston, & he never heard that S. painted another one. He says many copies have been made & there was one (he thinks the first) painted by Hoyt for the family then occupying the old mansion of Knox at Thomaston Me. & remained many years until the decease of the admiral's mother, who was Gen. Knox's eldest daughter, when it came into his (the admiral's) possession. He says too that a copy of the original was taken for the State House, Augusta Me. but the legislature voted too small a sum to have it painted by any but a poor artist -- & so in the admiral's opinion it was a complete failure. The latter says he has seen other copies in many places – all very poor—that his – the Hoyt copy is a complete success, and that he had heard of a ~~copy~~ portrait in Trenton taken when Washington occupied Jersey. The admiral thinks the original portrait never left Boston, & is certain never hung upon the walls of the State Mansion at Thomaston Me. The above settles the fact that Mrs Oaksmith picture is a copy, which I have all along believed. Admiral Thatcher's letter is very interesting, & a copy of it on our files will be of service if at any future time other portraits of Genl. Knox by Gilbert Stuart be offered to this Gallery for purchase – as most likely will be the case, for as time rolls on, every work by Stuart will increase in interest & value. I am much pleased ~~to~~ in having sifted this matter to the bottom, for in rejecting any work claimed to have been by the hand of a master, it is well to know all about it, & to have the ground of objection secure from all doubt. I fell greatly indebted to Mr Winthrop & Admiral Thatcher for their attention in furnishing me with the above decisive information. Ad. Thatcher's letter is to a friend of Mr Winthrop who applied to him for the information I called for – Wm. G. Brooks, No. 71 Hancock St. Boston.
Bought from Ryneal, colors, brushes & paper for the use of the Gallery. $4.18

Mr Matthews called & with Dr Barbarin went up to survey the upper sash of the Main Picture Gallery, with a view to improve the ventilation. He is in favor of opening holes in the up right part of the skylight, under the projecting portion of the upper sash.

Visitors 128 $32.00 Catalogues 26 $6.50 ↑22 5.50↓ Photos. $1.00

June 24

Mr Todd has finished his work, & brought his bill which is signed by me as correct. 10 statues painted $50 – Painting of bas-reliefs $10.50 & cornice $6.00 $66.50.

Bought 2 brushes hair & straw for keeping away moth from the maroon drapery.
Ordered Mr Taylor to make a handle 12 feet long, to use in brushing drapery.

Wrote to the Hon. Robb. C. Winthrop Brookline, Boston enclosing Admiral Thatcher's letter.
Mr Reilly offered to pave the cellars for $52.50.

Wrote to Mrs. Augusta Oaksmith Hollywood, N. Ca. conveying the decision against buying her portrait of Genl. Knox. Returned to her the certificates &c, & enclosed also bill of charges (freight) on the picture here.
Wrote to Ex. Govr. P.O. Hibert, La. about his "Christian Martyr."
Visitors 442 (9) Catalogues 44 $ $11.00 Photos 7.75

June 26

Monday. Very hot.
Letter from Mr Walters, Brevvort House, N.Y. asking to have the "Vibert" picture returned to Mr Avery N.Y. Have dispatched it, & wrote to Mr Avery.

Wrote to W.L. Nicholson returning T. Faed's note offering to supply a copy of the Shakespeare & Contemporaries Print.

Visitors 87 (4) $21.75 Catalogues 15 $3.75 Photos. $2.50

June 27

Another awfully hot day.
The attendance here is however, abundant owing to the number of strangers in the city on their way to and fro Philadelphia.

Dr Hall called but is in poor health.

Visitors 364 (2) Catalogues 56 $14.00 Photos .50cts

June 28

A hotter day than yesterday – hottest of the season so far.

Letter from Avery __ acknowledging arrival of the "Vibert".

Mr Perry sent up bill or drapery of pedestal $7.50

Consulted Mr Hyde about arranging the hours of admission to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. & he & Mr Riggs are both in favor of it. Afterwards, spoke if it to Dr Hall, & he assenting to it during the hot weather, sent to Mr Hyde, so that he can get the order signed by the Board, after which I will notify the public. My Hyde called with the circular for signature by the Board.

Mr Chamberlain was sent for to ~~mend~~ put new glass in various parts of the Building.
Mr Hegeman brought the new hand-broom ordered in Georgetown.
Mr Taylor brought the handle for the broom all ready for use, & Mr Hedgeman swept the Marroon drapery nicely with it.

Genl. Eaton & friend called.

Lycett sent sample of paper for vol. of prints which was accepted.

Visitors 100 $25.00 Catalogues 14 $3.50 Photos. 3.00

June 29

Another hot day, notwithstanding the heavy rain last night.

Letter from Mrs. Oaksmith expressing surprise at the "verdict" about the Knox portrait – declaring it to have been the original study by Stuart, & calling for a sight of the evidence "on which the rejection of the picture is based," which obviously is an unreasonable request.
Mr Corcoran called to say good-bye before going to the White Sulphur Springs. He wished me to get two copies of the Centennial newspaper, which he says contains a notice by Miss Stuart of the "Washington Portraits." I saw that Scribner's Magazine for July had such an article, but he says no. We shall see.

The order for change of hours of admission here has been signed by Messrs. Riggs, Hyde, Matthews, Hall and Cooke, and now is a law until further notice. Have sent advertisement to the "Star" Republican" "Chronicle" & "Critic", to go into effect on July 1st, Saturday.
Dr Hall called.
Left at 2 p.m. for an excursion, but did not go.

Visitors 416 Catalogues 61 $15.25 Photos. $1.50

June 30th

Another hot day.
Mr Markriter sent up his bill $12.50.

Consulted Mr Riggs about the expediency of placing the ~~names~~ subject of the picture & artists' names upon the frames, but declinedy approving it, on the score of Dr Hall's resolution, which he contends makes it necessary for the Board to authorize the work – a strange objection! – so at present the important work cannot be done.

Got the beginning of the Catalogue changed & ready for the printer.

Largest attendance on private day

Large number of visitors to-day – larger than on any previous private day. Most of them are strangers on their way to the Centennial, and the street, shows many of them hurrying

along with a guide-book in one hand, and the familiar buff catalogue of this Gallery in the other!

Dr Hall came in, but is in low spirits from feeble health & the hot weather. It is so unfortunate that he – the most assiduous visitor of all the Board, should be denied activity of body at this time.

Mr H. D. Cook also called to-day.

Mr F. D. Stewart, on behalf of the Monument (Washington) Society, came with a contribution-box, but it was not ready to be set up.

Visitors 210 (4) $52.50 Catalogues 28 $7.00 Photos. $1.00

July 1st

Hot weather still.
Invitation from Boston to attend opening of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts on July 3d.

Mr Darrell (Janitor) asks leave of absence for 2 weeks from July 3d., application to Board of Trustees. Took it to Mr Hyde, and as it ought to have been addressed to the Building Committee (to whom such requests were referred by the Board at its last meeting) it was signed by Messrs. Hyde Hall & Matthews as granted. Messrs Hyde and Hall both think that we can afford to have a substitute in one of the Galleries (Mr Hegeman taking Darrell's place).

Put the first third of the Catalogue in the printer's hands.

Met a Mr Almes (merchant) of 20 Hopkins St. Cincinnati, in the Gallery, & escorted them around, & they gave me a cordial invitation to visit them there.

Wrote to Mrs. Oaksmith N.C. reaffirming the decision against the picture of Knox, & declining to submit the "evidence" for her perusal.

Wrote to Mr Walters, notifying him of the change of hours of admission - & also of the rejection of the Knox portrait.

Mr Reilly (pavior) sent a bid for paving cellar at 12 ½ cts per square yd. & grading at 4 cts per sq. yd.

Visitors 402 Catalogues 49 $14.75 Photos. $2.00

July 3d.

Hot, but breezy.

Saw Mr Hyde about a substitute in the Gallery. Mr Hegeman being janitor vice Mr Darrell who left for Phila. yesterday. Will know to-day the wishes of the Board.
Received a note from Mesrs. Hyde & Matthews stating that no substitute at extra expense, will be allowed by the Buildl. Com.
Rec'd annual Report of the Museum of Art N.Y. which shows that our Institution's receipt from sales of Catalogues & Photos are largely ~~in~~ in excess of theirs, & but little under the amt of money rec'd at the door of the Museum.

Rec'd a pleasant letter from Mrs. Shedd, Providence, evincing her usual interest in the progress of Art, & of this Gallery. She thanks us for the permission of having our "Gate" photographed by Mr Osgood, publisher Boston, and asks if we have had the "Slaves" photoed – also the David.

Ordered a ream of headed double note-paper & ½ ream plain from Whittaker.

Dr Hall came in. He does not agree with the decision that the resolution in reference to the leaves of absence of employees forbids the employment of substitutes at extra expense, but thinks it only forbids the employee discharging the duties of an absentee, receiving more than his own regular salary.
Got proofs of part of Catalogue from Gibson.
Visitors 64 $16 Catalogues 14 $3.50 Photos. $2.00

July 4th

The Centennial Fourth, & of course a holiday – kept in a quiet way in this city – no military parade – morning noon, & evening national salutes of artillery – no fireworks at Government expense – as there should have been – a fine thunder-shower- & vivid lightning. I kept at home all day.

July 5th

Still hot – the 12th day of this spell of hot weather.

Put corrected proof in Gibson's hands, and gave him more of the corrected Catalogue.
Dr Barbarin went home ill, at an early hour.
A pleasant card from my delightful young friend Miss Welling, bidding me good bye. She does not state where she is going – I have heard to Europe – certainly no one is more fitted to appreciate such a trip as her gifted self.

Wrote to S. P. Avery Jr. N.Y. for copy of the printed notice of the Pauwels picture.

Mr Reilly brought another bid to pave, grade, & sand cellar at 20 cts per sq. yd. Mr Hyde is not decided about the work, and the floor must not be raised much.

Dr Hall, & Mr Clark Mills called. I suggested to the latter to model a statue of Genl. Knox after Stuart's portrait of him, as it would make an imposing figure.

Appleton's Journal with this month, is issued once a month.

Visitors 32 $8.00 Catalogues 3 .75 cts Photos. $1.25

July 6th

Weather cooler, but still warm enough.

Mr Lamb, Mr Worthington, Clark Mills & son called.

Received proof of the cast portion of the Catalogue from Gibson Bros.

Wrote to Mrs. Shedd, Providence, & sent copy of "Prisoners" with a copy of Alsace.
Dr Hall came in. Much better to-day.

Visitors 220 Catalogues 24 $6.00 Photos $4.25

July 7th

Another hot day.

Returned proofs of Catalogue to Gibson.

Gave order for a ream of headed note-paper (double) to Whittaker (Choate & Co.).

Young Mr Riggs called to state that Mrs. Com. Wise has a portrait of her father. Edward Everett by Gilbert Stuart, which she wishes to have placed in this Gallery during her absence in Europe.

No callers in our office to-day, which has been oppressively close.

Visitors 59 $14.75 Catalogues 9 $2.25 Photos. $6.00

July 8

The weather is as hot as ever to-day the 15th of the heated spell!
Took bills of Markriter, Schneider & Lycett to Mr Hyde.
Letter from Mrs. Oaksmith, very uncivil & absurd in its complaints of ill-usage, because we do not send her the proofs of decision that her Knox is not a Stuart.

Replied to the above reminding her that the initiative about this "Knox" was taken by her relative who offered it for sale. If the lady is so grieved by my delicately prepared letter, what would she not say, if I had hinted at Admiral Thatcher's disclosures?

Mrs. Com. Wise called & said the pictures would be sent, as they were. The Everett (when only 19 years old) is very animated but gloried in color. The Audubon Study of Birds has that artist's nice truth of form & color, but rather flat in treatment.

Dr Hall called. He is better & more cheerful.

The eminent dentist Dr Evans of Paris called, & for the few minutes he was here, I found him very interesting. Among other things he stated that the Prince of Wales presented him with the first of the Promethean Vases made by Minton.

Lycett sent the volume for the Lithograph Portraits by Fenderick.

Visitors 320 Catalogues 36 $9.00 Photos $4.25

July 10

Monday- the heat is increasing. Yesterday (Sunday) the thermometer stood over 100! The night was the hottest of the season, & to-day, the heat is still greater. Our room is oppressively warm, so much so as to make it necessary to close the ^front^ windows. This is the 16th day of the unbroken spell of heat. At 2o'clock a brisk but short thunder-shower came, and though the heat is still great, the air has lost much of its deadly oppressiveness.

Miss Carrington & brother called. She is the lady who sometime ago, sent the "Cortez" portrait here for sale.

Found this morning that a finger of the "Suppliant Youth" had been broken off since Saturday – Of Course no one knows anything about it. I doubt not it was broken by a sweeper, or some one closing the windows.

Visitors 60 $15.00 Catalogues 7 $1.75 Photos .25cts

July 11

Some moderation of the heat, but still it is very great. There is great mortality throughout the country from sunstroke. Since Saturday June 24, the thermometer has stood over 90, and on Saturday July 8, Sunday, & yesterday, stood at 97 – at some places ^over that.^ Came early this morning & placed the finger on the "Suppliant Youth", with Mr Hegeman's assistance.

Sent to Gibson & Bros the last corrections & additions of the Catalogue.

Dr Hall called.

Miss Henry sent for easel and picture of C. Corday.

Ordered 10 pds more of ice for the Gallery each day.
The heat of our noon after 3 p.m. was intolerable.
Visitors 300 Catalogues 25 $6.~~25~~ 50 Photos. $4.00

July 12

The weather somewhat cooler in the morning, but where the light breeze was not felt, it was as oppressive as ever. So unwell from its effect, that I did not appear at the Gallery to-day.

Rec'd letter from M. Snider Pellegrini of N.Y. offering original drawings from the Old & Modern masters, books on Art, oil & water-color paintings, for sale to this Gallery.
A catalogue of the pictures also was sent.
Got last proofs from Gibson & Co. ~~& such~~ returned them.
Messrs Hyde & Matthews are to consult about ventilating the picture-galleries.

Visitors 82 (79 pd) $19.25 Catalogues 11 $1.75 Photos. .25cts

July 13

A change of weather last night which was cool, and this early morning was pleasant, but as the day advanced, the heat again was oppressive – thermometer about 94—.
Appeared at the Gallery, though much debilitated.

A pleasant letter from Mrs Shedd acknowledging the "Slaves" and "Alsace" & wishing to <u>know</u> about the latter's history.

Mr Taylor sent the two pedestals ordered. Will mount the statues to-morrow.

Rec'd a note & package containing catalogues of the Paris Expositions – <u>75</u> & <u>76</u>, from W. J. K. Riggs of that city. Acknowledged his prompt attention to my request.

Sand sent up for paving cellar.

Miss Whitney sculptress, called with two gentlemen. She is engaged on a marble bust of Saml. Adams.

Visitors 318 Catalogues 37 $9.25 Photo .25cts

July 14

Note from Mrs. Shedd, enclosing one dollar for photo. of the Slaves.
I find by the Catalogue of the Paris Exposition /74, that "Alsace" a bust in bronze by Louis Gregoire Paris appeared that year in the Exhibition.

Mr Taylor placed the statues of "Wrestlers" & Boy with thorn on the new pedestals, and is to finish up the latter.
Paving the Cellar is going on.
Got Mr J. K. Riggs' address from Mr G.W. Riggs.

Visitors 95 (4 free) $22.75 Catalogues 12 $3.00 Photos $1.00

July 15

Note from T. B. Mackall Balt. enclosing one dollar for a photo of Charlotte Corday. Sent it by.

I find that the Miss Whitney of Boston Mass., who called on the 13th is the sculptress of the statue in marble of Saml. Adams of Mass. now arrived here to be placed in the Old Hall of Representatives, as mate to Greenough's "Winthrop".

Wrote to Mrs. Shedd, & requested ^her^ to state what photos she had so that I might present her with a complete sett of our issues.

Mr Buzac called & examined the new pictures.

Wrote to A. Sniden-Pellegrini, N.Y. stating that the Art Committee were not at present buying works of art.

Dr Hall called. The weather is still hot.

Visitors 338 Catalogues 52 $13.00 Photos $2.00

July 17

Monday. A breezy day, but the sun is still hot. The heated term if 3 weeks, is I hope, at an end.

Mr Darrell is back again at his post.

Hung Ms Wise's pictures in the east gallery.

Went to the Capitol & saw Miss Whitney's statue in marble of Saml Adams presented to Congress by Massachusetts. It is a noble work: full of strength, simplicity, manliness well typifying the man of that era.

Gov. Randolph pictures.

Senator Randolph sent here for safe keeping until December, three oil-paintings 1st. George Washington, bust portrait, which he claims to be by Gilbert Stuart, but which is a smoothly-painted ill drawn copy – 2d. A landscape by W. Sontag & Sable Lake by S. Colman. Which were duly hung, the 1st is in the East Gallery, the other in the S.E. Gallery.

A gentleman inquired if the Gallery would buy a portrait of the wife ^of^ Osceola the Seminole Chief, that once hung in the President's House, & belonged to Gen. Taylor. Was told in my absence that no pictures were being bought at present, and that he had better make written application.

At 3 p.m. Rec'd telegram of my brother George being struck^down^ (2d. time) with insensibility, & with little prospect of recovery, so left the Gallery at that hour.

New Catalogue

Gibson & Bro. sent up <. . .> large & 2 hlf bundles of the new Catalogue.

Visitors 102 $25.50 Catalogues 12 $3.00 Photo. .25cts

July 18

Sent a receipt to Hon. T. Randolph, for the 3 oil pictures deposited here.

Dr Hall called, & like myself does not think Mr Randolph's Washington, a Stuart.
The weather hot as ever, again.
Visitors 291 Catalogues 38 $9.50 Photos. $2.00

July 19

The weather to-day is quite as hot, as it has been any day this season.

Ex Internal Revenue Commissioner Douglas called with Mrs. Schott of Boston, now residing in Rome, to leave photographs of three statues by Ansighione, sculptor, Rome, which she would like the Committee to buy.
1st. Flora, draped & veiled, life size, $5,000 (currency)
2d. Night, life size $3,500 (do)
3d. Ishmael life size $2,500 (gold)

Mr Copeland called & took orders to mend awnings.

Visitors 95 $23.75 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos. $2.25

July 20

Last night & this morning were the hottest of the season! The heat is terrible.

Mt Taylor came & placed the Marroon hanging at the south end of the Bronze Hall, behind the busts.

Sent & got from Perry & Co. 5 yds of Merino (Marroon).

Mr Ashton White & friends called – also Dr Hall.

Many visitors from the Centennial arrive here each day.

Got paper & twine from Morrison, - also tacks &c from Schneider.

Visitors 324 Catalogues 45 $11.25

July 21

A fine breezy morning, which though the sun is hot, is very refreshing – storms north & south of us yesterday, but no rain here.

Visitors 61 $15.25 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos $8.75

July 22

Though the sun is still hot, the weather to-day is pleasant – last night was delightfully cool.

Mr Taylor brought his bill for the three pedestals $58.00.

The improvement of the Picture Gallery's ventilation is put off until cooler weather. The air in it is stifling.

Mr Hyde has expressed his opinion that part of the old hosepipe be used with new pieces.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 308 Catalogues 27 $6.75

July 24

A morning cool enough to wear the thickest woolen clothes. Never was there a more sudden change since Saturday, a strong northwest wind blew yesterday, and the night was

cold. The storm of Thursday North, South & West caused the change. The thermometer fell to-day to about 70 – from high in the nineties!
Letter from Mrs Shedd acknowledged the offer of photos, & returning the list of those she has not. Wrote to her & sent the other views.

Judge James wishes to deposite a Holy Family (copy from Marillo) & a Magdalen.

5 pckgs. Catalogues

5 bundles of Catalogues sent up.

Ordered 50 more "Vestels" from Jouy.
Visitors 65 $16.25 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos $4.00

July 25

Another cool night, & to-day is cool enough for woolen clothes!

Quarter Master General Meigs called & mentioned the expediency of our Gallery securing some of the Etruscan vases dug up in Rome, & for sale at reasonable prices, a good idea.

Dr Palmer U.S.W. called with his daughter to get a card admitting her to the Gallery at any time.

Mr Hedgman sent in written application for a fortnight's leave of absence from August 1.

Visitors 350 Catalogues 44 $11.00 Photos. $1.50

July 26th.

Letter from Mrs. Oaksmith requesting me to aid her in disposing of her picture to the Govt., also stating that she was making inquiries about its history & with some success.

Rec'd communications from Genl. Meig's in reference to Etruscan Vases in Rome, and also describing J. G. Chapman's method of copying etchings & engravings.

Rec'd a note from J. R. Key Boston, in reference to the Knox portrait in Faneuil Hall, and requesting me to forward his unframed landscape, rolled.
Sent off photos. to Mrs Shedd, & wrote to her.

Major Powell (ex-plorer) called about the photographs of the Indian-country, &c—how we would preserve them. He promises 600 altogether – most of them small. I am to meet him at his office to-morrow.

Mr P's remarks about the Indians are very original & interesting.
A pleasant cool day thermometer 76.
Visitors 80 $20.00 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos $2.50

July 27

Another pleasant day – a fine breeze tempering the sun's rays.

Sent a letter of thanks to Genl. Meigs for his two communications.

Went with Dr Hall to see Maj. Powell's Indian country photos. It was agreed that we will take his present amounting over 600, mounted at our expense for $18.00 – He will send up with them a specimen of the large thrown up photos worked up with Indian ink, to be determined afterwards whether there will be authority to 60 of them worked up in ink at $5.00 a piece.
Paving of the cellar finished $98.54 – Hauling $18.50.

Visitors 480 Catalogues 56 $14.00 Photos. $3.25

July 28

Another pleasant morning, but getting warm again.

Mr Hyde sent up pavior's bill approved.

Laying in supply of coal for next winter.

Mr Sherman, lawyer, offers a work on the Centennial Year, for sale to the Gallery.

Revd. Dr Dashiell & Gen Lockwood called.

Maj. Powell sent up enlarged photos of Indians.
Dr Hall called.

Visitors $122 $30.50 Catalogues 11 $~~3~~2.25 Photos 75

July 29

Weather getting very warm again.

Another letter from Mr Key, artist, requesting to have his picture sent by Freight-line.
Sent a card asking if he wishes the stretcher sent.

Mr Perry sent up another bill including last purchase.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 374 Catalogues 41 $10.25 Photos. $1.25

July 31

Monday, a cool cloudy day after the heavy rain of Saturday night & Sunday.

Letter from Baron O. Hermelin Commissioner for Sweden at the Centennial Exhn. stating that ~~the~~ a Judge of the Section of Art (Mr Dardel) had informed him I had nearly decided buying a view near Algiers & Morocco by Aukarkrona for $400, exclusive of duty. Knowing nothing of the picture or of Mr Dardel, & having had no talk with any one about buying pictures out of the Exhibition, I wrote to Mr Walters to-day, to see if he knows anything of it.

The rain of yesterday shows several leaks in the picture Gallery, some of which are new.

10 Bundles of New Catalogues (100 copes in each) rec'd from Gibson & Bros.

Visitors 75 $18.75 Catalogues 20 $4.92 Photos $1.00

August 1

Weather cool & cloudy.

Mr Hedgman away on a leave of 14 days.

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Dr Barbarin sent word he was too unwell to attend to-day.

Mrs. Starkweather of Wis, & Mrs. Plunkett called to see if the Gallery would purchase an oil-picture copied from Chappell's print of Com. Decatur in a fight with the Tripolitans. Told her copies were never purchased.

Dr Jouy brought photos. of "Charlotte Corday", of "Vestal" (one copy) of "Fontainebleau", & gave us the mounted copies of his Alsace – Ordered 25 of the latter plain mounted.

Mr Hyde sent up two men to examine the leaks in the roof.

Visitors 75 $18.75 Catalogues ~~20 $4.92~~ 35 8.75 Photos $1.00

August 2

A north-east wind with misty rain.

Find a leak from the skylight of the Main Gallery dropping water upon the floor, and learn for the first time that other places in the same gallery, were wet on Sunday morning.

Dr Barbarin is overhauling the area drain which is choked up with mud.

Wrote to & sent to He. KrBrown a lot of photos, A~~v~~poxyomenos, Theseus & Centaur, Thorwaldsen Venue, Odalique, Alsace, Fontainebleau.
Card of admission to Mrs. A. P. Crane, N.Y. & daughter.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 89 $22.75 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos.

August 3

Cloudy & cool, no rain but threatening.

Letter from Mr Walters in reply about the Centennial Swedish picture. He knows nothing about it.
Wrote to Baron Hemerlin that he was misinformed about myself or any one in this Gallery, having proposed to buy the picture.

Mr & Tyson were sent up by Mr Hyde to examine roof & give estimate for repairing & painting it.

Dr Barbarin cleaned out one drain in the back area.

Bad handling of the Greek Slave- by dirty fingers.

Drs. Hall & Lincoln called. The latter pointed two mistakes in the Catalogue – Augustus was not the second but the first of Roman Emperors. 2d. The chryselephantine statue of Minerva was inside the Parthenon & not on the top, & the bronze <. . .> statue of her (70 feet high) was the one whose spear-point-was seen afar at sea. Very glad to have errors pointed out.

Receipted to Gibson Bros. for all the new edition of Catalogues (8th).
Visitors 430 Catalogues 50 $12.00 Photos $1.25

August 4

Cloudy but sultry.

Letter from Mrs. Shedd acknowledging the photos.

Card from Mr Key, artist requesting stretcher to be sent with picture.

Mr Walters came in to-day – the first time since the beginning of May. He speaks in the most enthusiastic way of the Centennial Exhibition of Art Objects – has bought some $10,000 worth of various bronzes &c, chiefly Japanese, & regrets that the present position of the Art Committee is so hampered that he was not at liberty to purchase for this Gallery. It is indeed a pity that the "Corcoran" has not secured anything there yet.

Drs. Hall & Hunter called, and discovered the question of the source of the Latin Verses (4) below the engraving by Raphael Morghen of Guide's "Aurora". Dr. H. leaving a copy of the Latin verses on his copy of the print- The last is as follows:
"Discentil en tenebras voseis Aurora capillis
Et Sol astra fugat perfundens omnia luce."

Visitors 130 $32.50 Catalogues 24 $6.00

August 5

New (8th) edition of Catal. issued

The new edition of the Catalogue (8th) issued to-day.

Dr Hall came & thinks nothing can be done about the purchase of things in the Centennial until the Board rescinds the resolution forbidding purchases until the order is given by it.

Good attendance at the Gallery. Weather warm.

Visitors 478 Catalogues 64 $15.95 Photos $3.50

August 7

Monday, very hot to-day – yesterday thermometer over 90°.

Visitors 94 (5 free) $23.50 Catalogues 14 $3.50 Ph $1.50

Aug. 8

Letter from Mr Walters asking for Brucciani's address, and stating that the "Augustus" would be here by next steamer to Baltimore.

25 tons of coal brought & stowed away.

In spite of cooling rain last night, the sun was very hot to-day, until a heavy shower with lightening cooled the air. One of our front-tree boxes broken by a pair of run-a-way car-horses. The driver was pulled over the front & badly hurt.

Good attendance in the Gallery, chiefly strangers.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 394 Catalogues 39 $9.75 Photos $2.30

Aug. 9

Cool & pleasant.
There were many leaks in the P. Gallery ceilings from yesterday's rain -- & in the Main Gallery much water dripped upon the floor.

Mr Boteler called & left N.Y. Tribune containing an account of a pair of Majolica vases (French) 12 ft. high, in the "Centennial." National in point of design- Cost of them $17,000!

J. Mann finished putting away the coal (10 tons) and was paid $2.50.

Col. Albert & Mr Hall called to borrow for government use one of our electric batteries, which being allowed by Mr Hyde & Dr Hall (he promising to return it in good condition) the battery was loaned, & the promise in writing given to Mr Albert.

Mr Ford artist (landscape) called. He is acquainted with my brother Robert in Santa Barbara, Cal. & has painted much of the scenery of that region. Gave him card of admission & catalogue.

Wrote to Mrs. Oaksmith declining to act as agent for selling her "Knox" to any person.

Dr Hall & Mr Hyde called.

Visitors 137 $34.25 Catalogues 20 $5.00 Photos. $1.115

Aug. 10

Warm and sultry.

Dr Jouy brought several lots of photographs. Certified his bill for $80.12.

Dr Hall called. Great attendance in the galleries.

Visitors 554 Catalogues 68 $16.90 Photos $5.20

Aug. 11

Letter from Henry J. Carr Grand Rapids, Michigan enclosing .25 cts & 2 stamps for a Catalogue, sent p.card and mailed a Catalogue.

Despatched by freight-train canvass & stretcher to Mr Key Boston. Wrote to him also.

Mt Hyde sent up a letter from L Herbette Kane & Co. Havre stating that they had forwarded one case (2000) containing statue of this Gallery, per steamer "Nurnberg" from Southampton to Baltimore. This is the Augustus.

Weather cloudy, with rain & sultry. At noon a heavy shower caused much water to drip through the skylight to the floor of the Main Picture Gallery.

Visitors 102 x 5 $25.50 Catalogues 16 $4.00 Photos .25

Aug. 12

Letter from Profr. Weir Yale School of Fine Arts, stating they had a duplicate of one of the "Prisoners" which we could have at cost. Wrote him, & despatched photograph of ours with "Catskills Scene" & others, also sent a new Catalogue.

A. Hyde Esq. sent up bill of lading for case containing Statue of Augustus, per "Nurnburg" at Baltimore. Sent it in a letter to Mr Walters.

Another heavy shower brought the rain on the floor of the Main Gallery of Paintings, & also the <u>washing- tub</u>! Sent for Mr Chamberlain to repair & also mend other windows.

Large attendance in the Gallery. Many <u>Centennialists</u>.

Mr Chamberlain's man called & is to replace panes of of broken glass. Stopped them temporarily.

Visitors 426 Catalogues 43 $10.74 Photos. $6.60

Aug. 14

Monday, warm & wet.
No leaks in the upper Main Gallery to-day.

Wrote to the "Evening Post" to learn if possible the source of the Latin legends on our print by Raphael Morghen & the one owned by Dr Hall.
Visitors 96 $24.00 Catalogues 18 $4.50 Photos. $5.00

Aug. 15

Letter from A. Snider Pellegrini N.Y. wishing to know if any of the members of the Art Committee will be in N.Y. this month to see his collection. Answered it.

Mr Todd came & is engaged to label the new pedestals tomorrow, & is to paint the "Three Graces or Charities."

Dr Hall called. Mr Hyde also. Painters will begin tomorrow to paint the roof.

Col. Abert returned the electric battery.

Visitors 456 Catalogues 37 $9.25 Photos

Aug. 16

Another warm day - & rather dull after the adjournment of Congress, which lessens the number of visitors.

Mr Todd is at work on the "Charities."

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 94 (.9) $23.50 Catalogues 14 $3.50 Photos

Aug. 17

Another very hot day.

Mr Todd is labeling the pedestals, and will also label the busts in the Octagon Room.

Dr Hall came in & approved labeling the marble busts in the Octagon.

Visitors 473 Catalogues 51 $13.97 Photos $4.50

Aug. 18

Letter from Profr. Weir, Yale, acknowledging the Photos. complaining of the way in which their casts arrive, and asking how & through whom we get them. Wrote him in reply, & sent copy of Catalogue.

Miss Galt of Va., a cousin of Galt, sculptor was here, and imparted information about her relative, very interesting. She tells me there are <u>five</u> copies of the <u>Bacchante</u> extant – one in England.

Mr Todd finished the group of Charities- & the labels in the Sculpture Hall.

Sent a postal Card to Robt. Beall, bookseller, Pa. Av. inquiring if Major Franck Taylor had his volume of photos. yet.

Visitors 138 $34.50 Catalogues 27 $6.75 Photos. 9.00

Aug. 19

Having taken medicine last night did not appear at the Gallery to-day. Warm with rain.

Visitors 426 Catalogues 42 $10.45 Photos. $5.95

Aug. 21

Very cool and clear.
No word or letter about the new cast yet.

Card of admission to M. Ammen artist.

Mr Todd has finished labeling, $21.00. $12.50 for the group of "Charities."

Dr Jouy brought a lot photos – Bill $57.12.
Visitors 116 $28 Catalogues 15 $3.75 Photos $3.00
free (4)

August 22.

Another very cool day. My health much better.

No news from Baltimore yet about the cast.

Mrs. E. J. Smith who applied last spring to copy the Scene in the Catskills, is to have the next chance for doing so on the 1st of September.

Brought here my Indian-ink sketch of the "Shakespeare" and his Contemporaries." Dr Hall approves of it and I will have it at once lettered with names, framed & put under the painting as a key.

Attendance in the gallery to-day very good.

Mrs. Genl. Ramsay, Miss Johnson & Miss Ramsay came and went through all the galleries for the first time. Dr Hall accompanied them.

Two hair-brushes for sweeping ordered from Schneider.

Visitors 635 Catalogues 39 $19.75 Photos 3.70

August 23

Warm & showery. No word of the cast yet.

Wrote to J. W. McCoy Esq. partner of Mr Walters Balt. inquiring if he knows anything about the case per "Nurnberg"- whether Mr W. is in Baltimore &c.

Recalled the letter to Mr McCoy on hearing from Mr Walters that the case left B. yesterday too late to arrive to-day. Fureschi will come to-morrow.
Letter from Mr W.He. Hardy, Meriden, Miss. offering ^for^ sale of a bust of Andrew Jackson by Broccaletti in 1836. Price $1,000.
Visitors 122 $28.25 Catalogues 13 $3.25 Photos.
9 free

Aug. 24/76

Warm & bright.
Mr Fureschi came early & mended the Apollo.

Receipt for case of cast from Rl Rd Co. received from Mr Walters. Cast arrived at 11.30 a.m. Found it in perfect condition, as the walnut pedestal will not be here for some ten days. Concluded to pospone the joining of the cast until that time. Little work had to be done to it, and so after repairing the Apollo & preparing the slab from the Parthenon relief (single figure for the corridor, Mr Fureschi went back to Baltimore to return when the pedestal of Augustus is ready. The cast is a good one, but it has not the interest of the famous military statue found in 1863, now in the Vatican.

Dr Hall called, attendance of visitors very good. Many Centennial tourists.

Wrote to Mr Walters about the casts.

Visitors 626 Catalogues 52 $13.00 Photos $1.75

Aug. 25

Answered Mr Hardy's (Meridian, Miss.) offer to sell a bust of Jackson.

Mr H. B. Brown vice-consul formerly at Rome, called to see if we would like to have a cast of a bas relief on Titus' Arch, which on his return soon to Rome, he will have taken. Mr B. has acquired much knowledge of Roman Antiquities and his conversation is very instructive in respect to the excavations on Rome.

Mr Riggs came to see if "Augustus" had come.

Mr Fred. McGuire called.

Miss Eicholtz called to see about her sister copying "Corday."

Rec'd from Mr Lamb the print of "Shakespeare & Friends" backed with muslin. Turned over my India-ink key of the painting to him to be lettered.

Visitors 80 (5 free) $20.00 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos. $2.75

Aug. 26

Bright, breezy & cool.

Dr Barbarin lettering my Indian-ink key to "Shakespear "&c", though at a loss to know who are two of ~~of~~ the parties, owing to the ill-written autographs.

Dr Hill came in.
Dr Hall and Mrs. Colegate (his step-sister) also called. Gave to the latter, some photographs.

Good attendance in the Gallery.

Visitors 512 Catalogues 40 $10.00 Photos. $2.50

Aug. 28

Went to the Capitol to identify portraits in Faed's "Shakespeare &c". Was successful.

Mr Riggs called.

Dr Jouy & Rev. Dr Hill came in.

Visitors 168 (15 free) $42.00 Catalogues 18 $4.50 Photos. .75cts

Aug. 29.

Bright pleasant day.

Some apprehension was excited by the appearance of smoke in one of the corner galleries from the wainscot. It came from the kitchen fire-place where the smoke from a newly-kinded fire, forced itself through some of the open air-flues.

Dr Hall called.

Mr Clements called to get the privilege of sending an <. . .> old picture of Columbus & his family on deposit. Mr Lamb serile send it up.

A lieutenant & several midshipmen from the Victor Emmanuel ^station^ man-o-war at Philadelphia, came in. I managed to hold a conversation with some in French. They are doing the city after Hee seeing the Centennial, and will be glad to see them on their vessel when I go there.

Visitors 545 Catalogues 29 $7.25 <. . .> Photos $3.75

Aug. 30

Bright, breezy & pleasant.
Letter from Mr Key, stating his picture had not reached him.
The tide of Centennial visitors is still on the flood.

The key to the "Shakespeare" is completed. I have sent for Mr Lamb to frame them both.

Dr. Hill called.
Wrote to Mr Walters inquiring about the abiding-place of the marble robed Augustus.
Wrote to Mr Key in reply to his letter rec'd to-day, that his picture was sent to him on the 11th. Rl.Rd clerk will inquire about it.

Visitors 146 $34.00 Catalogues 20 $5 Photos $2.50

Aug. 31

Another warm day.

Mrs. Pegram & friends from Balt. Gave her photographs.

Visitors 568 Catalogues 35 $8.75

Sept. 1

Mr Lamb brought the picture of Columbus, and it will be hung to-morrow in the S.W. Gallery. Mr Riggs called & said a Mr Thompson had written him about it, & sent him a pamphlet describing its history. Mr Clements sent a note giving some account. It is said to have been brought to England – It is a wretched affair in spite of its age, its drawing particularly is execrable.

Drs. Hall & Hill came.
Another hot steamy day.
Mr Worthington, Mr Thurston of Nashville & their wives visited the galleries.

The pedestal for the Augustus was brought last night - & I havee written to Fureschi to come here on Monday or Wednesday.

Visitors 115 $27.50 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos.

Sept. 2

A bright cool day with a northwestern almost tempestuous the change of temperature is sudden, but so bracing.

Mr Matthews (trustee) called. Has been to the Centennial Exhibition, and is enthusiastic over many of its pictures as suitable for us.

Dr Hall called.

Mr Lamb's men hung the "Columbus" in the Gallery, and straightened up the frame of the "Satyrs."

Mr Martin submitted application for 20 days' leave for Octr 1st.

Mr C. W. Chapman applied for leave to copy casts in crayon or water-colors. Granted.

Letter from Mr Walters stating the robed Augustus to be in the Louvre, & expressing a wish to have the military statue also.
Sent to Mr Hyde Moore (druggist's) bill & Ice-bill.
Sent for Mr Todd to come soon & letter the pedestal for Apollo, and re-letter the old one for Augustus. He will come on Monday or Wednesday.
Mr Williams brought his bill - $20. for Augustus pedestal.
Visitors 537 Catalogues 55 $13.75 Photos 1.00

Sept. 4th.

Another delicious cool day- Monday.
On Saturday evening Mr Lamb sent up the framed "Shakespeare" & Key, which look well.

Letter from Mrs. Shedd, referring to Mr Osgood being possibly here at this time to look at the "Gate," and expressing her wonder over the extent of our Barye bronzes.

The men are on the roof repairing it.

$19.75 taken from the "Monument" box-collected in 5 weeks.
Visitors 134 $31.25 Catalogues 20 $5.00 Photos $5.00

Sept. 5

I was seized yesterday with a sudden & violent attack of lumbago that confined me to the house & part of the time to my bed until the 13th. & ^some of^ the record of the intermediate days is furnished by the assistant curator.
Dr Hall called-.
Visitors 545 Catalogues 58 $14.50 Photos 2.25

Sept. 6

Mr Fureschi came, & with Mr Taylor & John shifted the Apollo safely to the new pedestal, the old one receiving the Augustus which was brought upstairs & united by Fureschi, who also repaired the right-arm of Apollo. After being paid $12.40 he left in the afternoon.
(Having previously studied where the Augustus should be placed in the Gallery, I sent word to have it placed to the right of, & in a similar position to the Mercury, shifting the "Supplicant Youth" to the side of Antinous. This arrangement proved judicious, and x remains so.)
Mr Chapman (C.W.) signed Regulations for Drawing &c.
Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called.

Visitors 183 $44.50 Catalogues 18 $4.50

Sept. 7th.

Taylor finished the Apollo pedestal, & repaired that for Augustus.
Dr Hall called.
Visitors 788 Catalogues 57 $14.25 $2.25

Sept. 8

Todd lettered the pedestals, & painted the small slab of the Parthenon frieze.
The Cambridge & Dublin boat-crews from the Centennial visited the Gallery, and proved to be a pleasant lot of gentlemen, admiring the works—particularly the "Lost Dogs."
Mr Smilie called – he is too weak yet to photograph any thing.
Dr Hall & Mr Riggs called.
Visitors 204 & 23 free $51.00 Catalogues 23 $5.75 $6.25

Sept. 9

Portable book-shelves sent to Williams for repair.

Procured a table for Miss Darrell $3.00.
Mr Corcoran called.

Building Committee gave Mr Martin leave of absence for 15 days from Sept. 18, & to Dr Barbarin 15 days form Oct. 5.

Mr Corcoran called.
Visitors 736 Catalogues 62 $15.50 Photos. $3.25

Sept. 11th

Monday.
Thirteen leaks in the upper Galleries. Notified Mr Hyde, who sent up workmen after noon.

Mr Clark Mills (sculptor) called & got his work on the Elgin Marbles.

Mr Taylor removed the cotton screens from the upper galleries.
Visitors 164 $40 Catalogues 32 $8.00 Photo $1.00

Sept. 12th.

Thomas reports broken and cracked glass in the sky-lights. Sent for Chamberlain to mend them.
Dr Hall called.
Mr Reigert 715 7th St. called about his offer to sell a portrait of Robert Fulton painted by himself 1795, & a landscape by Benj. West – both for $100 – cheap.
Sent to Building Committee application for leave of 15 days from Sept. 18 inc-.
Visitors 647 Catalogues 50 $12.50 Photos. $8.00

Sept. 13th.

Wednesday. At noon back at my desk after an absence of 7 days. Would have been here on the 11th. but for the cold wet weather which is unfavorable for my lumbago. Though weak & shaky, I feel benefited by the fresh air & the interesting nature of my business.

Letters from Mr Walters in reference to the agents through whom we get our casts, regretting our not having purchased any thing from the "Centennial Exhibition. and enclosing a letter from Mrs Elliott, widow of Chas. L. Elliott artist, inviting the attention of the Gallery to portraits by her late husband, of N. P. Wills, W. Irving & others, which she wishes to sell. These I showed to Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall & Mr Riggs.

Mr Corcoran sent down a lot of prints.

Rec'd from the Building Committee, an assent to my leave of absence of 15 days from Sept. 18.

Was pleased to find the position of Augustus all I had hoped for.

Drs. Hall & King Revd. Dr Hill & Mr Corcoran called.

Visitors 237 x 20 $52.25 Catalogues 35 $8.75 Photos. $3.75

Sept. 14

Came to the Gallery at 11 a.m. my back being still painful, but greatly relieved in the course of the day.

Brought 75 copies of Hands Off.

Large crowd in the Gallery this bright mild day.
Ordered "Catalogues for Sale" from Gibson.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in. The former is in admirable health & spirits.
Wrote to Mr Walters & Profr. Weir.
Visitors 881 Catalogues 65 $16.25 Photos $3.25

Sept. 15

At the Gallery at 10 a.m. my back is getting easier.

Postal card from Mr Key Boston – He had not got his picture- sent messenger to inquire at what depot in Boston the picture would be left. Wrote to him that the Rl Rd. Men had heard nothing but would inquire.
Wrote to Mrs. Shedd, Providence R.I.
Visitors 232 $58.00 Catalogues 32 $8.00 Photos $4.50

Sept. 16

Weather cool & cloudy.

Chamberlain's men cleaning the glass of the sky-lights.

Large attendance of visitors.

Visitors 1080 Catalogues $22.25 Photos. $8.15

Sept. 18

Shocked to hear of the death of Mr Todd our able painter of casts & grainer. His death will prove a great loss to this gallery, for I know no one who can paint casts in the way he followed. He was an able, indefatigable, honest, conscientious workman, and promised from his robust physique to live many years.

Mr Choate called & will alter his bill.
Dr Hyde called.
Portrait of Genl. Knox hung in the S.W. Gallery.

Visitors 262 $64.50 Catalogues 26 $6.50 Photos $1.00

Sept. 19

Left for Philadelphia to revisit the Centennial Exhibition.
(The following minutes supplied by the Asst. Curator until Sept. 29.
Fourteen Apache Indians from Arizona with interpreter visited the Gallery, & were escorted over the Gallery by Dr Hall.

Mr Corcoran called.
Visitors 934 Catalogues 54 $13.50 Photos. $23.55

Sept. 20

Alva Hubbard & Co. 36 N. Howard St. Balt. will repair our furnaces 25 per ct. less than heretofore paid.

Mr Todd's son called about his father's ~~bill~~<. . .> account will call again.

Mr Corcoran brought a present of a framed photograph group of himself & friends at White Sulphur Springs 1869, which was hung at his request under Gilbert Stuart's portrait.

Visitors 283 $~~2~~68.00 Catalogues 25 $6.25 Photos. $1.75

Sept. 21

Schneider presented a bill for "horse-post."
Dr Hall called.

Visitors 1345 Catalogues 111 $27.75 Photos .25 cts

Sept. 22

Letter from J. H. Haulenbeck offering to sell portrait of Genl. Zach. Taylor by Wm. Carl Brown.

My Hyde called.
Visitors 245 $61.25 Catalogues 39 $9.75 Photos. $6.75

Sept. 23

Rain in the morning – Large leak in the S.E. Gallery, & smaller ones in the others.
Several leaks in the skylights. Sent for Chamberlain.

Ordered form Dr Jouy – Charlotte Corday 50.—Fun & Fright 25. – Drove at the Ford 50.
– Scene on the Catskills, 25.
Messrs. Riggs & Corcoran called.

Visitors 1062 Catalogues 101 $25.25 Photos $6.50

Sept. 25

Catalogue sent to W. L. Virtue Balt. at the request of Mr Corcoran.
Postal card rec'd from Mr Key stating he had not anything of his pictures. Answered by
Dr Barbarin.

Dr Hall called.
Visitors 217 $53.75 Catalogues 29 $7.20 Photos $7.50

Sept. 26

Dr Jouy delivered a few photos.

Drs. Hall & Mr Hyde.

Visitors 825 Catalogues 69 $17.25 Photos $5.00

Sept. 27

Building Committee's attention called to the resolution of the Board of Trustees Nov.
30/75, empowering it to have the Galleries ventilated; -that the chimneys needed
sweeping, & outside of the windows needs painting.
The Rifle Teams visited the Galleries.
Dr Hall called.

Visitors 129 $32.25 Catalogues 17 $4.25 Photos
25
154

Sept. 28

Dr Jouy delivered photographs.

Visitors 1361 Catalogues 108 $26.50 Photos $4.00

Sept. 29

Back again at my post in the Gallery. I returned on Wednesday but was kept by fatigue from appearing here sooner.

I found that Thomas the fireman was acting as keeper of the Picture Gallery – the Building Committee objected to having Mr Hegeman's brother there, though he had acted as substitute for his brother before with entire satisfaction.
My visit to Phila. afforded me an opportunity of selling the pictures & other works sent since my visit in May.

Found here a letter from Mr Shedd stating that Mr Osgood of Boston had called with a Mr Walters or Walker photographer had called here a little before 4 p.m. to look at the Ghiberti Gate. He wishes me to write to Smilie & learn from him whether he could get good negatives & give estimate of expense.
Wrote to Mr Smilie to come here.

Messrs McGuire & Colegate called.
Dr Hall came with Mr Thomas & examined the roof, which he thinks requires renewal, also decided that certain things ought to be done in the ceiling & sides of the skylight by opening to afford ventilation.

Visitors 200 $48.25 Catalogues 20 $5.00 Photos $4.00

Sept. 30

The day being wet, a return of rheumatism kept me at home. Requested Dr Barbarin to urge Mr Hyde about having the furnaces in order. He did so. Mr Hyde replies he will have to write to N. York, & asks if they can't be used now.
Visitors 839 Catalogues 94 $23.50 Photos $8.75

Oct. 2

Bright pleasant day (Monday).

Mr Chamberlain's bill sent in.

Mr Martin has returned & is on duty. The key of his Catalogue-box having been lost, sent for a locksmith to furnish another.

Mr Riggs of Paris in a private letter to Dr Barbarin, stated having sent 2 etchings of pictures by Corot & Courbet (who tore down the Vendome Column for the Commune) of large gallery size – valued at $80,000 for both, & perhaps less. One is a scene in Fontainebleau & the other the "Stone-breakers." The etchings arrived.

Five raised in ^one of^ the furnaces to-day.
Photographs brought by Dr Jouy.

Wrote J. H. Shedd Providence in reference to negatives of the Ghiberti Gate.

Visitors 226 $53.75 Catalogues 27 $6.75 Photos $6.00

Oct. 3

Bright genial day.
Mr Fill sent up his bill $8.32. Sent it & Chamberlain's ^$39.05^ to My Hyde.

Miss Welling called & rec'd photos. of the Alsace.

Mr Corcoran & grandson Willie, called. He was in fine spirits, expressed his delight in perusing the catalogue, but thinks I have not said enough about the pictures in the "Hospital" as Mr Walters calls the west gallery containing so many of Mr C's private gallery. He will leave for the Centennial Exhibition on Monday, and wishes me to make some notes of what important pictures &c he ought to see, as he says he is going on business – which I fancy signifies his intention to buy.

Dr Herndon & wife called to see if I am brother to George whom they knew well in Fredericksburg Va. They were greatly concerned to hear he was in such a dangerous condition.
Mr Corcoran came while the Herndons were here & they knowing ^him^ formerly, had a pleasant chat with him.
Dr Hall called, & sanctioned the lettering of the doors over the Modern & Renaissance Sculpture Halls.

Visitors 1018 Catalogues 100 $25.00 Photos. 5.50

Oct. 4

Put the order for new edition of Catalogues in Gibson's hands, & brought up some extra copies.

Mr Schneider, from the Smithsonian Institute, where he colors casts of fishes, called about doing the work on our casts. He professes to have a true method. Will try his skill soon.

Mr Smilie called & gave his opinion about negatives of the "Gate," cost &c, which I sent to Mr Shedd in a letter. Mr S. will come on Monday (if fair) to take 4 large views of the Sculpture Hall.
Dr Hall & Dr Jouy called.

Meeting of the Board called for Monday next. 18th.

Visitors 149 $37.25 Catalogues 20 $5.00 Photos. $6.75

Oct. 5th.

Dr Barbarin left this morning on a leave of absence for 15 days.

Mr Todd's son called about his father's account. Will come on Saturday.

Meeting of the Building Committee held at noon.
Messrs. Hyde, Hall & Matthews present.
It was ordered that Gilliss & Geogheman's ~~foreman~~ put in new grates to the furnaces, leaks to be stopped, a tap for emptying boilers be attached ~~to tell~~ & an apparatus to tell the height if water repaired, & extra gates provided for future necessity.

Ventilation of the picture galleries ordered to under supervision of the Asst. Curator, according to plans approved by this Committee.

On motion of Dr Hall, it was ordered that the Curator have suitable inscriptions over the doors of the Halls of Modern Sculpture & of the Renaissance, similar to that over the Bronze Hall.

Visitors 911 Catalogues 73 $18.25 Photos. $1.25

Oct. 6

Bright and mild.
Mr Corcoran brought a large portfolio to hold engravings, to be placed in a stand of walnut plain.

Letter to the "Secretary of Fine Arts Washington" from Eugene P. Cecchini, Hamburg, asking for information as to the terms of the next Exhibition of pictures. Wishes to be a regular exhibitor, & offers to send some Italian Marine pictures for the next exhibition. This letter may be meant for the Artists' Club" Annual Exhibition.

Mr Corcoran showed a list of pictures made by Mr Spofford Librarian of Congress, such as he thought would be worthy of purchase. I demur to some of them as unsuitable. Also a written notice of a picture painted recently by of "Annapolis" in 1750" showing the manners dress & incidents of that date. Mr Corcoran says it has been much admired. Also a newspaper containing a letter from Rome.

Got from Mr Matthews his marked Catalogue of Pictures in the Centennial Exhibition- to compare with mine.

Bought $2.00 worth of Rl. Rd. Fares.

Visitors 200 ↑(6 free↓$48.50 Catalogues 29 $7.25 Photos $6.75

Oct. 7

Miss Williams of Salem Mass. but for years a resident of Rome, brought photos of pictures which she wishes. 2 views of Rome by Moretti – 5 ft x 2 ft. $1,000 each—an old man reading the Bible (by herself). Wishes to exhibit them here. Also a photo of a picture if "Treading the Wine press alone" – of the Ferrarese ↑school↓ (none in Italy) ~~scho~~ unknown artist – 30 x 40 $10,000. This lady's conversation on art was extremely interesting, particularly in reference to the Roman excavations.

A Mrs Baker of Va. called to say that Mrs Gen. Lander wished to present a Murillo to the Gallery, if it were acceptable.
Miss E.J. Smith entered to copy part of the Heir Presumptive.
Young Mr Todd called & was paid $4.00 on his father's account – closed.

Gibson sent up blank receipts.

Received a lot of "Not in the Catalogue". for the Gallery.

Visitors Catalogues 70 $17.50 Photos. $2.75

Oct. 8

Sent Catalogue to G. Lane Taneyhill, Balt. for 25 cts.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at noon. Prest. Dr. Hall, Messrs. McGuire, Hyde, Matthews, Cook & Riggs. Profr. Henry came in after the meeting.
Curator's last report on a/c of Contingent Fund was presented by the Com. on Accounts, and accepted.
Report from the Building Com. from July 1st. to Oct 5. was received & approved.
Curator's a/c from June 10th. to Octr 9. was submitted by the Prest. & referred to Com. of Accounts.

$100 for Contingent Fund was voted to the Curator.

Curator's suggestion for authority to label the pictures with names, subjects & dates, was received & referred to the Art Committee.

The order of July 28/76 for opening the Gallery at 9 a.m. is to be continued until Novr. 15th.
The Board then adjourned.

Several applications to sell pictures were informally laid before two members of the Art Committee, but under existing resolutions, nothing can be done in buying pictures and so they were laid aside.

Mr Smilie came and two negatives of the Sculpture Hall from the cast end.

Dr & Miss Welling called. The latter is interested in the Gallery purchasing something out of the Centennial Exhibition.

Mr Corcoran left this morning for Phila. & the Centennial Exhibn. He is full of eagerness to bring back some works of art for this Gallery. At his request I gave him several notes of such pictures (unsold as yet) which would grace these walls. I regret that I will not be there with him to point them out.

Mr Gibson sent up 10 copies of the last (7th.) edition. I fear we will run short of Catalogues before the new one is out.

Visitors 157 (5) $39.25 Catalogues 30 $7.50 Photos. $3.00

Oct. 9

Mild & pleasant.
Fastened the hand of "Julie" with plaster.

Mr Sullivan who worked with Mr Todd in painting the casts, called and I have given one bust to paint as a test of his skill, bill be here to-morrow.

Dr Hill called – also Dr Hall.

Letter from Mr Key, Boston, stating that as shipper of his picture, I ought to demand to redress for ~~that~~ the picture from the Rl. Rd. Co. Answered that having sent it as he directed, it is not for me to do more than hand over the receipt to him or his agent.

Visitors 895 Catalogues 45 $11.25 Photos. 2.00

Oct. 11.

Bright, cool bracing day.

Mr Smilie came & took two more negatives of S. Hall two of the Wrestlers.
Mr Morgan sent an order for easel & stool.

The elections (in Indiana & Ohio) have thinned the attendance at the Gallery to-day. All the catalogues have run out, Have loaned old ones to visitors.

Mr Brice sent up receipt of Mr Reilly for $20. for paving cellar.

Saw Mr Armor, who will come up to-morrow to see about lettering pictures &c.

By card from Mr Hyde, The Austrian Minister got the key of the stable to examine it.

Mr Sullivan came & took the bust of Agrippa to paint it.

Dr Hall & Gen Wright, U.S.A. called. Will send the new catalogue to him at the Ebbitt House.

Mr Darrell sick to-day.
Visitors 152 $36.00 Catalogues 8 $2.00 Photos

Oct. 12

Letter from Mr Key, asking for receipt of Rl. Rd. for his picture. Sent it in a letter.

Letter from Bro. Maurehain, Memphis Tenn. offering for sale some old pictures. Answered.

Mr Darrell sick yet.
No catalogues for sale, & the demand great.

Saw Mr Gibson about the new Catalogue. He will send up a number to-morrow.

Drs. Hall & Maxwell. Also Mrs Bouleging & Mr McGuire.

Mr Matthews called for his catalogue & stated that Mr Corcoran had sent for him to Phila. Mr C. is not well.

Mr Whittaker sent a ream of ruled note paper- not headed- also two pen holders.

Mr Armor called to see the work of labeling pictures needed. –Will come on Monday.

Catalogues 17 $4.05 12 of them new edition

Visitors 1129 Catalogues 17 $4.05 Photos. 9.00

Oct. 13

Bright and pleasant.

Mr. Smilie came & returned photographing statues, beginning with Antinous, Supplicant Youth & Apollo.

Mr Sullivan came & resumed painting bust.

New (9th) edition of Catalogue

Sent for catalogues but none came until 11 a.m. when Gibson sent up one hundred.

Dr Hall called & expressed his assent to giving the labelling of the pictures to Mr Armor.

Visitors 272 $65.25 Catalogues 23 $5.75 Photos $1.00

Oct. 14

Bright and balmy.
Mr Smilie came & wrote a successful negative of "Sleeping Children".

Placed the Apollo & Diana together in the centre of the east end of the Main Sculpture Hall – returning the Milo Venus to her old place in the Vestibule. A great improvement which Dr Hall likes.

Mr Smilie took away his apparatus.

Looked over Dr Jouy's proofs of the new negatives, & though some are dark, accepted all save one of the Wrestlers.

200 catalogues sent up

Mr Gibson sent up 200 of new catalogue.

A fine day has brought a crowd, & the catalogues go off well.

Mr Smith of Balt. Col. Bayne of N. Orleans called at the St. Memin Portraits to see the one of his grandfather Robt. Smith, once in the cabinets of Jefferson & Madison.

Dr Hall called.

Gave Mr Ward photographer permission to use one cellar for his purpose while photographing at the State Dept.

Visitors 1188 Catalogues 97 $24.35 Photos $1.20

Oct. 16

Letter from Mr Key, Boston, in reference to missing picture.

Postal card from G. G. Bush N.Y. requesting a catalogue to be sent to Herr Holrath Stark, Professor in Heidelberg University, Germany.

Yesterday (Sunday) was a very windy cold day after a full of snow the previous night. A great snow-storm prevailed in Canada.

Mr Hyde sent up a dispatch from Mr Corcoran ^at ¼ to 9 a.m.^ requesting 12 catalogues to be sent to him ^by express^ in Phila. by to-night. Word was returned from Adams' Office that they could not reach him before to-morrow morning.

The stable has been rented to the Austrian Minister.

Mr Whittaker sent up 500 headed large envelopes.

Mr Taylor came & set up Parthenon slab in the left corridor.

Mr Armor came lettered the doorways of the Halls of Modern Sculpture, & of the Renaissance.

Sent a catalogue to Miss Jennie E. Harmand Forsyth Macon Co. Ills. & asked to remit.

Dr Jouy brought proofs of the Apollo, Antinous, both excellent & of the Bay & Thorn not good.

Visitors 262 $65.50 Catalogues 45 $11.20 Photos 2.45

Oct. 17

Bright cool morning.
At the Gallery at 8 ½ a.m. & varnished Charlotte Corday & the "Constantinople" both vastly improved.

Mr Sullivan called, & received order to paint the bust of Antinous.

2 bundles of Catalogues

2 bundles of Catalogues from Mr Gibson.
Wrote to Miss Williams Salem, Mass. to send her Roman pictures here.

Wrote to the editor of the "Ballentine" Baltimore stating that the issues ~~of~~ for the 16th & 9th. are not here.

Visitors 945 Catalogues 77 $19.25 Photos $2.50

Octr. 18

Profr. W. D. F. Summis, Paton, Iowa sent ~~a postal card &~~ stamps to pay for a catalogue. Sent it.

Mr Corcoran writes he has bought many things at Centennial

Drew $100, as Contingent Fund from My Hyde. He read me a note from ^Mr^Corcoran at Phila, stating he had bought several things there for the Gallery, & will be here to-morrow.

Sent a copy of the Catalogue to G. G. Bush for Profr. Stark.

Dr Hall called & was pleased with the doggrel epistle I sent him with his cloak, which he left behind yesterday.

Mr Montrop (partner of Mr Armor) came to paint labels &c. Neither he nor A. have the skill of poor Todd, whose loss I daily regret.

Visitors 222 $55.50 Catalogues 37 $9.25 Photos. $7.00

Octr. 19

Bright & balmy day.

A note from A. S. Pellegrini, wishing to know if the Board had taken any steps to examine his Gallery in N. York. Answered it.

Mr McGuire called & left directions for arranging Fenderick's lithographic portraits.

Dr Hall called & approved my intention to place the Mask of Juno over ^& between^ the Apollo & Diana, & below the Frieze.

Mr Taylor is making a rail for the photograph table.

Dr Hill came in – also Mr Laurie and wife.

Visitors 1325 Catalogues 101 $25.25 Photos. $7.50

Oct 20

Dr Barbarin returned from his leave.

Mr Taylor finished the addition to the photo.-table & drawers.

Mr McGuire called – is to leave for Phila. to-morrow. Promised to let me have a port-folio stand, if we repair it. The Barlow Stand is unsatisfactory.

Mr Matthews called & told me of the purchase made in Phila. by Mr Corcoran, -- no pictures among them – bronzes and statuary & pottery only – to the amt. of about $10,000.

Mr Corcoran came, not looking as ^well as^ he did when he left for the Exhibitions. In fact, most persons, including myself have returned worn & weary, & very many decidedly unwell. Mr C. was astonished at the grandeur of the Exhibition – far beyond, he says, those of Europe.

Mr Walters, Baltimore called & had a talk with me about art- matters. He demurs to the labeling of the pictures through fear of lessening the sale of the Catalogue, which he praises very much – complimenting me pointedly, after its excellence & amount of information. He also admires the photo of the Sculpture Hall.
Visitors 191 $45.25 Catalogues 31 $7.75 Photos. $3.00

Oct. 21

Dr Jouy left photographs for inspection last evening. To-day examined & rejected many. Amt of check given him $65.72.

100 Catalogues

Catalogues ran out & had to go to the printer & the binder for some. Provoked to find the latter was waiting to send 500 copes – ordered up 100 & got them at 1 p.m. The Gallery was crowded this morning with Centennial visitors, & of course lost the sale of many Catalogues.

Mr Thomas came & is to go to work on the work of ventilation of the picture-galleries at once.

Detective of Balt. & Ohio Rl Rd. Office came to ~~in~~ get description of Mr Key's pictures: gave it to him.
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Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran came. The latter appears in better condition.
Wrote to "Baltimore Bulletin (Evening) declining the paper.
Visitors 1032 Catalogues 80 $20.00 Photos $6.00

Oct. 23

Monday, warm & misty.

Paid Mr Sullivan for 2 busts painted.

Mr Smilie came to take the “Sleeping Children”, but failed to do so for want of light.

3 bundles of Catalogues sent up

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Mr Monthrop came to label cases, but concluded to place the labels in gild letters on separate slips of walnut.
Mr Corcoran & Miss Eustis called.
Visitors 187 $45.50 Catalogues 34 $8.50 Photos $5.00

Oct. 24

Mr Smilie came early & got a good negative of the “Sleeping Children.”

Sorted out the photographs of pictures in the Manchester Collection given by Mr Corcoran lately, and find that a former volume of them, belong to the same series. Nos. wanted 31, 45- 97 – 98.

Miss Smith wishes to have her copy of the portrait of Com. Morris hang in the Gallery by wish of Mr Corcoran.

Visitors 1080 Catalogues 59 $17.24 Photos. $6.00

Oct. 25

Letter to My Hyde from A. Christalas New York, Dealer in Curiosities Ancient & Modern, offering his services to this Gallery to collect for it such specimens as it might desire. Answered it, declining as not needed.

Mr Taylor placed the Juno at the east end of the Main Sculpture Hall over the space between the Apollo and Diana. It looks well, but would look better ~~between~~ if hung higher, but that cannot be.

The Trustees have drawn up for signature by themselves a resolution rescinding the one of last spring, forbidding future purchases of works of art. A majority has not yet signed it, as Messrs. McGuire, Riggs & Walters are not here. The latter will be here to-morrow.

Mr Corcoran called. He was in excellent spirits.

Miss Smith left to-day for the north. She will send her picture of Com. Morris (copied from A. Sichefferius here for exhibition.
Rec’d 25 cts & stamp from Miss Hamand JW. Sent on 16 inst.

Mr Smilie has taken another negative of the east view of the Sculpture Hall ~~from the~~ south side.

Sent to Appleton & Co. for June 10/76 no. of the journal.

Visitors 209 $50.00 Catalogues 28 $7.00 Photos $8.25

Oct. 26

Windy, cloudy & cold.
Mr Smilie was here to photograph but the weather prevented.

Letter from Mrs. Oaksmith stating that she was collecting further proofs of the authenticity of her portraits of Genl. Knox, as being the work of Gilbert Stuart. She also states she has a portrait (life size) of the last Governor of the Basule by Chardin, which she would like to sell to this Gallery. It is in a house in this city (not designated) & will have it sent to the Gallery for inspection, if the Committee is willing.

Messrs. Corcoran, Hall, & Walters & Matthews met here. Mr Corcoran brought photographs of the pieces of Italian marble statuary he bought at the Centennial Exhibition. It was informally settled that the Art Committee at once resumes its function for purchasing works of Art, and that Messrs. Walters & Riggs can go at once to Phila. & purchase from the Centennial Exhibition to the amt. of $20,000 – which sum Mr Corcoran is willing to advance from his own funds.

Visitors 1241 Catalogues 90 $22.49 Photos. $3.25

Oct. 27

Letter from Mrs. Shedd stating that Osgood, Boston publisher had abandoned the publication of the work on the Ghiberti Gate until next year.

Mr Thomas will at once begin the work of ventilating the Main Picture Gallery.

Wrote to Mrs. Oaksmith asking where Chardin's portrait of De Launay could be seen, before admitting it here – also reminding her of the balance $1.16 on the charges (freight) on the Knox portrait paid by myself.

Wrote to Miss Williams ^Salem Mass.^ requesting her to send also her picture of the "Old Man Reading" with the Roman Landscapes. I invited to send here for approval & on exhibition.

Bought from Whittaker a portfolio of photographs. to be lettered outside by Lycett. $3.00.

Visitors 209 $49.25 Catalogues 26 $6.50 Photos $8.25

Oct. 28

Mr Corcoran does not wish any notice to be made of his purchases for the Gallery, until they arrive.

Mr Thomas has made one latticed opening in the Main Gallery skylight.

Ordered from Somerville brass-founder, a dozen small rivets for the armor.

2 bundles of Catalogues

200 Catalogues sent up by Mr Gibson.

Visitors 1133 Catalogues 62 $15.50 Photos. $4.00

Oct. 30

Mild & cloudy.
Mr Armor came with labels for bronze room.
Dr Hall called. Mr McLauglin of Cincinnati.
Visitors 192 $43.75 Catalogues 18 $4.50 Photos $

Oct. 31

Mr Armor came early & I gave him the inscriptions for the picture-labels.
Some rascal yesterday took away the key of the door leading to the cellar.
Dr Hall came and presented several choice engravings to the Gallery.

Visitors 1015 Catalogues 69 $17.25 Photos $6.00

Nov. 1

Bright calm and very mild – a real Indian summer day.

Letter from Mrs. Oaksmith enclosing $1.16 & stating that the portrait of De Launay by Chardin, is at Mr Horato King's residence- Called there to see it, but Mr K. was out, & therefore did not see it.

Mr Barlow sent an order from Mr Fairman, Paris, to deliver to him, his picture of the Coast of Corsica. Sent it.

Mr Lemmer supplied new key to the door leading to the cellar.

8 bundles of Catalogues

Gibson sent up 8 more bundles of Catalogues.

Dr Hall and Mr Corcoran called to-day.

Postal card to Laffon of Baltimore, informing him that I was directed to decline the paper.

Gave complimentary ticket to Miss Florence Wolf.

Sent Fill's & Ice-bills to Mt Hyde.
Visitors 165 $39.00 Catalogues 20 $50 Photos $1.00

Nov. 2

Another Indian summer day.

Mr MacDonald Member of Parliament, came with Genl. Eaton, and was delighted with the Galleries.

Sent Mr Williams' bill for $23.25 to Mr Hyde.
Mr Riggs called.
Visitors 922 Catalogues 53 $13.25 Photos. $1.00

Nov. 3

Cloudy & cool, but bright & pleasant towards afternoon.

Mr Walters called with a lady & got a few photographs. He will meet Mr Riggs in Phila. on Saturday.

Govr. Cook (Trustee) called with a party of Canadians, who were delighted with the Galleries.

Received last night a letter from Miss Williams of Salem Mass. expressing a wish to send with the Morelli Roman landscapes, some pictures of her now in the Centennial Exhibition.
Also a letter from niece of the sculptor Galt, containing a extract from a paper descriptive of his career. Visitors 137 $29.25 Catalogues 19 $4.75

Nov. 4th.

Mr Corcoran Dr Hall called. The former is in very good spirits. Dr Parker complimented him about the two vases bought from the Japanese Dept. Exhibition.

Miss Poeshe' took away her crayon drawing of the young Spanish Lady, it being objected to by the Art Committee.
Mr Armor brought the labels for pictures & cases.
Mr Smilie came and took his last negative of the Sculpture Hall.

Rec'd letter from Mr. A. Fenwick Paris enclosing a sketch of transparent paper showing the names of many of the persons (chiefly artists) in his "Regiment" painting, and a letter from the artist, expressing his delight in his picture being in such a good place.

Letter from Signor Bolchin, Italian Dept. Centennial Exhibition to the Trustees, offering for $2,000 a statue of L'Africaine by Caroni, that had been in the Vienna Exhibition. Declined.

Bought some tinted board ↑&c↓ from Mr Morrison $1.06.
16, 613 persons visited the Gallery last month.
Visitors 884 Catalogues 49 $12.25 Photos $14.00

Nov. 6

Monday cloudy but mild. The 3d. Anniversary of my entering this Gallery as Curator.
Mr Eugene B. Cushing, sculptor of Cincinnati was permitted to take general measurements of the Greek slave, of which I have a copy.

Hung Miss S.E. Smith's copy of Ary Scheffer's ~~copy of~~ ^portrait of^ Com. Morris (1812) in the S. West Gallery.

Wrote to Signor Bolchini, declining in the name of the Gallery the purchase of the statue "L'Africaine".

Mr Horatio King called to see me while I was out.
Mr Corcoran sent a catalogue to have the price of certain pictures marked.

Wrote to Miss Williams Salem Mass. stating objections of the Art Committee to admit other pictures than those I mentioned to her in a previous letter.

Visitors 64 $13.75 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos $4.00

Nov. 7

Election Day for the next Presidency! Cloudy & threatening. God save the country, whoever wins!

Mr Taylor placed the labels on the pictures – a creditable feature for a liberal institution of art like this – whether it hurts the sale of Catalogue or not.

Wrote to Miss Galt of Norfolk & returned the newspaper slip about her kinsmen the sculptor.

Wrote to Gianelli & Co, Italian Agency Centennial Exhibition stating that his offer of "Daughter of Zion" marble statue was referred to the Art Committee.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called. Mr C. was is good spirit.

Visitors 453 Catalogues 25 $6.25 Photos. $3.25

Nov. 8

Rec'd from Mr Corcoran a letter to him from Mrs. Genl. Lauder offering as a gift to the Gallery a portrait of Catherine II of Russia, if it is deemed worthy of acceptance.
Great exultation here in this Gallery, over the election of Tilden.
Applications from Miss Ada C. Evans & Mrs. A.E. Stillman to copy "Magdalena River, Granada" and the Drove at the Ford respectively, the latter also wishing to copy in her turn Charlotte Corday. Answered them.

Dr Jouy's photographs examined. Mrs Jouy brought a proof the Sleeping Children – satisfactory.

Mr Smilie brought proofs of the new Southeast view of the Sculpture Hall. Very good – also of the new group of "Wrestlers" & the Sleeping Children.

Mr Horatio King called to fix a time for me to go & see Chardin's portrait of DuLaunay.

Saw Mr Corcoran who requests me to acknowledge Mrs. Gen. Lauder's note, & ask where the picture may be seen.

Visitors 64 $13.50 Catalogues 3 $ .75cts Photos $1.00

Novr. 9

Republican papers this bright morning give the election to Hayes – though they have nothing certain to base their assertions upon. The Tilden men are somewhat cast down accordingly.

Saw the DeLauncy portrait at Mr King's house, and on examining it found the work well done & in good order. The artist's name is on the ~~face~~ front of the picture, and also on the stretcher in three places. Mr King will write to Mrs. Oaksmith to name the price. Mr K. has also a head purporting to be that of Geo. Cauming by Sir M. A. Shee Prert. Royal Academy.

Dr. Hall called – also Mr Worthington of Georgetown.

Visitors 466 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos. $6.75

Novr. 10

Bright mild morning – great excitement still over the uncertainty of the election – both parties claiming it.

Letter from W. H. Hardy Meriden Miss. about the Jackson marble bust. He has not found out who made the cast, but will try to learn. Meantime wants an offer.

Mr Smilie sent in his bill for 11 negatives $55.00 Wrestlers (2) Sculpture Hall (4) Supplicant Youth, Sleeping Children (Marble) Apollo, Antinous, & Boy with Thorn – the latter not satisfactory.

Letter sent up by Mr Corcoran from G. Vigna dal Ferro of the Italian Commission Phila. requesting an examination of the Farina Ceramic Co. Freize, collection of Italian Majolica.

Letter sent up by Mr Corcoran from Mrs Lauder stating the picture of Catherine of Russia to be in her drawing room, where she would be glad to receive him or other person appointed to inspect it.

Saw Mr McGuire, & have got his portfolio-stand for one to be <. . .> made like it for this Gallery.
Saw Mr Riggs & learned that he & Mr Walters had purchased several bronzes & porcelain objects – but no pictures.
Visitors 44 $11.00 Catalogues 3 .75 cts Photos 50

Nov. 11

Letter from John R. Key Boston, stating that he had not received his missing picture, & requesting me to furnish to the Rl Rd. Office (if it sends for it) a description of the work. Answered it. Subsequently the clerk of the Rl. Rd. Office, called for information about the pictures.
Saw Mrs. Genl. Lauder, and found the Catherine II to be a unique specimen of portrait painting of a century suice, in good order. The artist is unknown. It was ~~painted for~~ bought at an auction, & presented to Mrs. Lauder when studying the part of Catherine in a play which she has dropped. Being anxious to learn how far it could be depended upon as a portrait of Catherine II, I searched with Mr Spofford, assistance several books in the Congressional Library and found that a remarkable resemblance between it & some four engraved portraits of her, inform features, & dress. I am satisfied it as a portrait of that empress. I accepted the work ^in behalf^ of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, & will send for it – to-morrow.
Got a copy of Mr Custis' letter Washington for the Gallery.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 583 Catalogues 6 $ $1.50 Photos $

Nov. 12

Telegram from Mr Walters Phila. requesting me or some one to be there on Tuesday next to see about the purchases.

Rec'd to-day a letter from Mr Walters asking me or some one to be in Phila on Tuesday morning at 8-9 o'clock, at the International Hotel & telegraph him in Balt to-day to that effect. Saw Mr Corcoran & got his bills for ~~the~~ his purchases except the marble statuary. He thinks Mr Matthews must go as he has all the papers about them.
Obtained from the Secy of Treasury a letter instructing the Custom House officers at Philadelphia, to pass the purchases ^articles^ after much difficulty a letter was sent by the Dept. to the collector at Philadelphia, to pass exempt from duty all the articles in our list sane the porcelain vases. I gave to Mr Matthews a memorandum of the decision, a copy of the law, and the bills for all the purchases, except the marbles. He left for Phila. at night.

Nov. 13

Letter from Miss Williams stating that the three pictures from her would be here by Monday (to-day) but they did not come.

Got from Mrs. Lauder, the portrait of Catherine II of Russia.
Indian
Visitors 101 $25.25 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos. $1.00

Nov. 14

Miss A. E. Stillman signed Regulations for copyists and received a card of admission.

Acknowledged to Genl. Eaton, receipt of his present of illustrated essay & Catalogue of Elkington & Co's Reproductions.

Answered Signa dal Ferro' invitation to Mr Corcoran to examine his Italian Faience in Phila. by stating that our purchases there, were for the present at an end.

Dr Hall called.
Received a summons from Messrs Walters & Matthews at 3 ½ p.m. to go to Phila. to get our purchases through the C. House &c.

Visitors 666 Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos $1.25

Nov. 15.

The following notes or occurrences until 26th inclusive were furnished by Dr Barbarin, in my absence.

3 pictures by Miss Williams – two landscapes & one head arrived.

List of Photographs sent to Gibson to print.

No. of Visitors 79 $19.50 Catalogues 10 $2.50 Pho. $2.25

Nov. 16

Letter to Secry. of Treasury touching instructions to pass articles through C. House.

Mr Thomas brought sashes for skylight & began inserting them.

Mrs. Terrett called about some canvass she wished to sell.
Drs. Hall, Messrs. Matthews & Hyde called.

Visitors 535 Catalogues 34 $8.45 Photos $5.25

Nov. 17

Mr W.H. Vermilye 202 Warren St. Jersey City says he has one of the original 25 Wedgewood vases which he wishes to sell.

Mr Williams will make a portfolio stand for $25.

Mr Mills called for his book on Sculpture. Returned Sept. 11th.

Lycett brought Appleton bound - & his bill.

Visitors 43 $10.75 Catalogues 3 .75 cts.

Nov. 18

Letter from Lanze, of French section, Centennial, wishing to sell a mantel & circular sofa.

Mr Thomas has all the sashes in place.

Visitors 229 Catalogues 9 $2.25 Photos 25

Nov. 20

Mr Thomas is making holes for the wires from the sky-lights to the galleries.
Letter from Col. J. E. Jacobs offering to sell an old picture of St. Jerome by Riviera.
Letter from the Treasy. Dept. about the cloisounes.
Visitors 22 $5.00 Catals. 3 75cts

Nov. 21

Mr Corcoran telegraphed Mr MacLeod to suspend duties on the porcelain vases until further notice.

Mr Corcoran orders a port-folio stand for $25.00.
Dr Hall & Mr Matthews called.

Visitors 412 Catalogues 13 $3.25 Photos $2.50

Nov. 22.

Letter from W.W. Charles to Mr Corcoran with photograph of a painting "The Court Poet of Egypt reading a Fairy Tale to the young prince Rameses – acknowledged referred to Art Committee.

Telegraphed Mr MacLeod by request of Mr Riggs to pay duty on the Japanese Plate.

Profr. Henry, Dr Hall, & Mr Hyde called.

Visitors 42 $8.00 Catalogues 3 75 cts Photos. 25 cts

Nov. 23

Telegraphed Mr MacLeod that the Treasy Dept had sent instructions to the C. House officer in Phila. to suspend proceeding on the porcelain vases.

Mr Sparkman, Phila. wrote for a catalogue. Sent one.

Mr Thomas puts in the glass.

Finger broken from hand of Flora. Restored it.

Letter from Sr. Don Antonio Mantilla offering to sell pictures.

Visitors 354 Catalogues 17 $4.25

Nov. 24

Telegraphed to Mr MacLeod to let the Japs pay the duties if they wish.

Letters from Dr Hunter – addressed to Mr Corcoran.

Mr Corcoran declares he will pay no duties on the vases.
Dr Hall & Mr Matthews called.

Visitors 59 $12.75 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos. $3.25

Nov. 25

Clear pleasant weather.
Mr Corcoran telegraphed Mr MacLeod that the Treasy. Dept had stopped proceedings in Phila about the vases, & that he undoubtedly will get them through free – not to pay duty on china plate.

Dr Hall & Mr Matthews.

Visitors 608 Catalogues 21 $5.25 Photos $1.25

Nov. 27

Monday. Returned to my desk to-day after 10 days' absence in Phila. where I went to overlook the passage of our purchases at the Centennial, through the Custom House. It was a troublesome tedious task, as I had not all the requisite papers & information about the purchases, and the action of the C. H. officers was very dilatory. The weather was stormy, and I was glad to close the business up as well as it could be, before my return.
Saw at Mr Moorhed's Phila. Fine group of "Eve & Abel" by Jackson," Sheep, Shepherd & Child" by Hofner, "Turkish Bazaar.
Dr Hyde came in & I handed him the corrected bill for the German Bronzes, & the balance $17.85 refunded by the agent on a/c of difference of gold in duty, deducted from the bill.
Mr Corcoran ~~calle~~ sent for me at his house where I informed him of the condition of our things in Phila.

A delightful letter from Mrs. Shedd.

Wrote to Mr Dunlap to keep an eye upon the purchases & have them forwarded.

Chinese Bronzes (Cloisonne's) arrived to-day, badly packed. The table injured somewhat. Got Taylor to repair it. The articles are voted ingenious but ugly.

Mr Corcoran authorized a frame for Catherine II $25.00

Drs Hall & Hill called.

Visitors 41 $10.25 Catalogues 7 $1.75

Nov. 28

The Berlin Bronzes arrived to-day. Several breaks in the Monument of Frederick II. (The Great) which turns to be a zinc bronzed, and a somewhat old one. A leg of a horse is nearly broken off – an ear also, and there is a serious fracture across the middle of the plinth of the statuette of Frederick – not quite through. Two metal legs of the pedestal are also broken. Sent them away to be mended, & also the wooden pedestal to be ~~repa~~ cleaned and newly stained. There is great discoloration of many of these bronzes, which has corroded the surface in an unsightly way. The black iron bronze statuettes of Frederick & the Crown Prince are of very inferior artistic character. Nor is the "Great Elector" a fine work.

Hung Morella's two views in the east gallery.
Wrote to Mr Sartain.
Letter from Miss E.J. Smith, ~~Boston~~ Salem, in reference to ~~the~~ her copy of Com. Morris' picture by A. Scheffer. Acknowledged it (Nov. 30).
Dr. Hall & Mr Matthews called.
Advertisement of open Gallery on Thanksgiving Day sent to the papers.
Visitors 290 Catalogues 9 $2.25 Photos. $1.00

Nov. 29

Letter from Mr John Durand N. Y City, offering as a present to the Gallery from his father, the latter's proof engraving of Vanderlyn's "Ariadne" lately exhibited at the "Centennial". Wrote to him, accepting it.
Note from Profr. Loomis containing an interesting account of the figures & designs on the Monument's of Fredk. Great" & the "Great Elector". which are very valuable.

Mr Taylor brought a stand for Chinese tables & shelves for the vases.

Mr Semken, jeweler of this city, called at my request and gave me some valuable advice about cleaning & repairing our bronzes. He will call again. Simply rubbing them with oil, removes much of the dirt.
Gave Mrs Ferry a complimentary card of admission.

Drs. Hall, Hunter & Hill called.
Visitors 43 $10.50 Catalogues 8 $2.00 Photos. $5.25

Nov. 30

Thanksgiving Day. Snowing, and very cheerless.

Letter from E. Caroni __ Braendle, Italian Section Phila. stating he had forwarded on the 28th by Balt. & O. Rl Rd 4 cases containing "Youth as a Butterfly" & the "First Step" with pedestals, freight paid to Washington.

Repairing screens of maroon for the statues.

Dr Hall called introducing Mr Alexander amateur artist.

The attendance of the public is very limited, but orderly.

Visitors 416 Catalogues 20 $5.00 Photos. $6.00

Dec. 1st.

Clear & very cold.

Claret jug

The Claret Jug arrived safely at 9 a.m. & is an exquisite work.

Mr Sartain writes that the letter containing $150 for the water color painting had not reached him. I sent his letter to my Hyde, ^who^ sent it back with a note that the money was sent on Nov. 20 – to be returned in 10 days if not called for.

My Hyde sent up copy of Secy of Treasy's letter to the Phila. C.H. officer, & letter to Mr Corcoran – both about the Japanese porcelain vases.

Letter to Mr Hyde from W.C. Saunders Columbus, Miss. offering to send here for exhibition at his expense a large historical picture – which was declined.

Wrote to Profr. Loomis thanking him for his notes about the monuments of Fredk. II, & the "Great elector".
Dr Hall, Mr Lauder & friends called to see Catherine II" picture.
Visitors 34 $8.00 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos 1.00

Dec. 2

Letter from Mrs. Wm. J. Hays N. York, desiring to exhibit in this Gallery a painting of the "Bison at Bay" by the late Wm. J. Hays (animal painter) in conformity with the Regulations, a copy of which was sent to her by Mr Riggs. Sent permission in a letter.
Mr Keyser of Phila. wrote for catalogue, & sent money $1.10. It was sent.
At 11 a.m. the 6 boxes containing the Italian Statuary arrived. Paid $3.00 for hauling from Depot. Sent Mr Bradley to assist with his men in getting the statues up-stairs. This was done safely, & the boxes opened, straw removed & preliminary to setting them up to-morrow.

Wrote to Mr Buchey, C.H. Broker Phila. to learn whether the last instructions to our the Secy of Treasy, about the duties on our Japanese vases had been acted upon.

Dr Hall & Dr Hill called.
Visitors 287 Catalogues 17 $4.25 Photos. $1.00

Dec. 4th.

Monday clear & very cold. Hauling ice.

Resumed the setting of statues and finished at noon. Mr Bradley is to clean them. Let him have one large box for purchase. The Forced Prayer is the popular one, but the maid as a Butterfly is the most beautiful. It is a specimen of the modern fanciful picturesque Italian sculpture, with little idea underlying the beautiful technical skill & mechanical finish. A young girl in a startled attitude glancing ~~a~~ backward at the butterfly wings, with her legs wrapped in a net & springing from a mass of flowers – all beautifully executed represents what?
The First Step represents a bay in his primitive shirt just able to walk, looking down at a chick just hatched out, and striving to walk also. It is of workmanship inferior to the other. The Forces Prayer represents another little fellow in his night-shirt with hands clasped together, and all his features drawn down in suppressed sobbing, though the tears in his cheeks show his anguish. The expression of the face is irresistibly comic, but it a subject more for a caricature in painting than for sculptured marble. Will have them draped behind & an iron-barrier placed in front.

Mr Sommerville' man came with the bronze ^legs^ of the pedestal of Fredk. II. very well repaired, & placed them on, and also repaired the ear & leg of two of the horses. The stains on both the pedestals are difficult of removal.

Dr Hall and Mr Corcoran called. They like the arrangement of the statuary very much. Mr C. is interested in the coming sale of the Gallery of John Taylor Johnson of N. York, & intends to attend it.

Mr Parrie (artist) called.
Visitors 29 $6.25 Catalogues 5 $1.25 Photos. $1.25

[Dec. 5]

Mr Schneider came & took measure for a barrier to the new statuary.
Mr Hyde called & admires them.
Placed the Monument of Fredk. II in the Bronze Hall where the Centaur & Theseus stood (removing the latter to the space between the columns near the other bronze by Barye) and its position is fine, giving grandeur to the entrance of the Hall, & at the same time receiving a fine light.

Ordered 60 yds maroon merino from Perry to place behind statues – a 70 cts- 30 yds. sent up.

A Mr Condict late of N. York, now of Phila, wishes to see pictures by Edwin White of N.Y.
Miss Aunin, Miss ↑F↓ Thomas, & Miss received cards to admit them to copy casts.

A 3 p.m. a box arrived containing Glove Box and Music Stand, beautiful specimens of Japanese Lucuer Work.

Visitors 212 Catalogues 8 $2.00 Photos $2.00

Decr. 6

Bright cool morning.
The Trustees Room full of smoke from the furnaces. There is some secret defect in the flues, that makes them pass so little heat to the galleries.

Note enclosing $2.00 from M. N. Wagar, Toledo O. who sends for photos. of the "Heir Presumptive" and the "Talking Well".

Letter from Mr Buckey Phila. about our purchases. He states that the Elkingtons will be along this week. About the porcelain vases, he says that Jacobs/Deputy collector at Phila) "thinks he has granted permission for delivery." ~~who have then~~ He cannot find the Japanese official having them in charge, but hopes to hunt him up. Have written to Mr Buchey, and also to the Japanese Commissioner U. S Hotel, to close the matter. Mr Corcoran (now sick in bed requested me to write to the Commissioner, & tell him if the duty has to be paid ^not to pay them^ to have the vases packed & sent to the Georgetown Custom House. Have done so.

Mr Bradley cleaned the new Statuary & is to clean the Greek Slave.

Mr Walters came in & will meet Dr Hall & Mr Riggs at 12 ½ o'clock, Mr W. is willing to get Mr Avery to send us such an easel as is needed for our room to hold large pictures.
The Art Committee met. Dr. Hall, Messrs. Riggs & Walters. After some conversation a resolution was passed on motion of Dr Hall, asking the Board of Trustees to suspend the rules concerning the purchase of pictures (adopted last spring) & permit the Art Committee to purchase works of art as the sale of collection of John Taylor Johnson of New York, to the extent of $30,000 if advisable.
Owing to the restriction of a rule, none of the Committee considered that they had authority to ~~pu~~ order an easel or an album for photographs, so I must look to the Board for them.

Rec'd a letter from the Chief Clerk of the Customs Bureau of the Treasy Dept, containing a copy of a letter from the Phila collector of Customs stating that the Bronze Japanese

Vase had passed free of duty. I acknowledged & referred to the inquiry I made of him in the morning, as to whether the Collector at Phila. had acted definitely upon the instructions of Nov. 25, and if so, whether there was duty demanded upon the Japanese Vases.
Certified Mr Thomas' Bill. $203. 26
Visitors 33 $7.00 Catalogues 2 .50cts Photos. $3.00

Decr. 7

Bright & milder weather.
Letter from Mrs. W. J. Hays N.Y. stating that the agent of the pictures at the Centennial Exhibition will forward the "Bison at bay" here, & wishes to be told when it arrives, and its condition.

Messrs. Saunders and Johnson Treasy Dept. called to see the new works.

Dr Hall called—
Professor Henry & Col. Sanford of the British Centennial Commission, visited the Gallery. <. . .> The Col. is son of the late Sir D.K. Sanford, Professor of Greek in the University of Glasgow whom I well recollect.

Visitors 363 Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos 4.75

Decr. 8

Cloudy & threatening snow.
Mr came from Mr Corcoran (confined to his house) with a request that I should visit the former's house 711 20th. St. and examine a portrait of the wife of Osceola, the Seminole chief in the great "Florida War." Went & found it an old ill-used, cracked & wrinkled work with no attraction about it whatever. Of ordinary execution it represents a common-looking dull Indian woman in the costume of the Southern Indian various-colored handkerchiefs round her head, & must calico ornamented with gilt ~~orn~~ articles.

A Mrs. Mitchell called to get me to look at a picture of Beatrice Cenci at Markriter's 7th. St. price $800.

Mr Thomas & Dr Barbarin planning an easel for our room, embodying my ideas of what is needed.

Mr Gibson called with his bill for Cast edition of Catalogues, and explained the omissions in four former bills whereby he lost $200. I am satisfied that his story is just, & will try to have him recover that amt. He brought proof of part of the new edition now in press.

Visitors 35 $6.50 Catalogues 5 $1.25 Photos $1.25

Dec 9

Letter from W. Tawara Japanese Centennial Commissioner stating that the vases are waiting the decision about the duties.
Weather changed last from snow to a heavy wind with a temperature near zero!
Printed slip from B. P. Poore, to return it corrected (if necessary for his Congressional Directory. Returned it.

Went to the Treasy Dept, and got the Customs Bureau to write to the Deputy Collector at Phila. to learn the definite action taken upon the Secy's instructions ~~May~~ Nov. 25.

Mr Corcoran brought Miss Robinson to see the new purchases. I informed him of what I had done at the Treasury Dept. He has trouble again in one leg.

Dr Hall called – also ^Mr^ Matthews. The latter seems to like the new rugs for the Office door & Ladies Room, & Dr Hall having consented to the purchase, will order a pair.

Dr Barbarin is working out a design for an easel.

Visitors 145 Catalogues 5 $1.25 Photos. $2.00

Decr. 11

The weather on Saturday night was colder than ever known here so early in this month. Yesterday it moderated, & to-day it is more agreeable.

Note from Elkington & Co. Centennial Grounds, stating that our articles are all ready, for shipments, his papers being settled, & he is waiting to hear form our broker! This is provoking remissness on the part of the latter.

Letter from A. Fenwick Paris, stating there was but one volume of Frohner's Catalogue. Also states that Detaille would not take an order for an a aquarelle like the "Bavarian Poiseners", in our gallery, under 10,000 or 12,000 francs.—so that after all, our picture is not above his present prices.

Saw Mr Riggs, and heard that the bill for the music-stand & Glove-~~stand~~ 13 ox had arrived with the duty $44. attached, making the cost of those two articles $394.

Explained the past errors in Gibson's bill, and Mr Hyde intimated there would be no wish to take advantage of Gibson's errors against himself.

Mr Corcoran called & seems very active again.
Mr Walters & lady friend called & got photographs.

Visitors 23 $4.00 Catalogues 4 $1.00 Photos $2.00

Decr. 12th.

Letter from Mr Buchey Phila. stating that our papers have been in order some day, but through the absence of Mr Jacobs (Deputy Collector) have been unable to complete them. The invoice is in the hands of the Appraiser, awaiting the signature of Major Moore. Says we will probably have them this week.

Letter to the Corcoran Museum from Caroni &c wishing to know if the marble statues had arrived and waiting for a cheque for $2400. Sent the letter to Mr Corcoran.

Boxes containing "Bison at Bay" & Frame arrived at 3 p.m. Paid expenses on them $15.83. It is not an interesting picture too large, & heavy.
Mr Corcoran called. My Hyde has written to the sculptor of the marbles to send bill less duty to him.

It seems that a wrong invoice ^of pictures for Cincinnati's^ came with the notification of the despatch of the Bronze Caesar.

At 3 p.m. the Bronze Augustus Caesar arrived in prime order – the finest copy bronze in our collection.

Visitors 229 Catalogues 11 $2.75 Photos $4.00

[Dec. 13]

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing application of Mrs. J.E. Mitchell, Arlington Hotel for sale of Beatrice Cenci, and requesting to write to her the same answer given to her by Mr Riggs – "not buying pictures now" -- & to write to the same effect to Mrs. S. T. Ames 500 Madison Av. N.Y. who wishes to sell a portrait of "Lincoln" = Have written to both, also to Mr Walters.
My Hyde shewed a letter from the Japanese Tawara to Mr Corcoran, stating his wish to have advice about the vases, & that if he did not hear from him on the 14th. he would pay the duty & send them here. I went then to the Treasy Dept. to learn what reply had come in answer to their letter of Saturday – nothing. Mr James then wrote a telegram to Deputy Collector Jacobs, to telegraph at once to that Dept. whether action had been taken on those instructions. I sent the telegram & had to pay for it! Went to Treasy Dept at 2 p.m. and rec'd the expected telegram from Jacobs that the articles were passed free yesterday. A great triumph for Mr Corcoran, as the bill will be nearly $600 less. Mr Architect or J. Poleux came by request of Mr Lemken and looked at our bronze monuments of Frederick II & the Great Elector. He can renew the bronze of the first for $15.00. & the statuette of the latter for $5.00.

Letter from Neil Robinson, Coalburgh W. Va. enclosing $1.25 for a Charlotte Corday, & a letter to be mailed. Sent it.
Mr Perry sent up 56 1/3 yds of maroon Rep. @ 75cts $22.88.
Wrote to Elkington & Co, and J.J. Buchey exhorting the latter to hurry up the Japanese Vase (bronze) & Laquer boxes.
Dr Barbarin cut off the Rep for statuary & it was sent to be sewn.
Wrote to Mrs. Hays N.Y. of arrival of the "Bison at bay"—of their being no screws to the frame - & requesting to order the shipper at Phila. to send them or get others there. Not to be had elsewhere.
Mr Thomas is engaged to make a large easel.
Visitors 38 x 7 $9.50 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos $5.00

Decr. 14.

Bright & pleasant weather.
Letter from Mr Buchey. Will see that the Vases are shipped to-morrow. Mr Yaze is in N. York & will not return before Saturday so there is another delay about the Japanese Vase & Laquers. He writes too that the appraiser is out of town until Friday – so Elkington's things can't come until he returns! Another delay from an absent officer! Answered his letter and enclosed the proper oaths supplied by Mr. Dunlap for the Vases (Porcelain) & which I had filled up at the Georgetown Collector of Customs' Office.

Letter from J. Elliott Condict, Phila. offering to sell two paintings by Edwin White of New York. "The Vision of St. Stephen" & "Hagar & Ishmael in the wilderness" $2,000 for the two. Wrote to him, quoting the answer directed to be given to all such applications – not buying pictures now. The latter from Mr C. contained one to the same effect to the Art Committee.

Mr Walters letter about the "Johnson" Collection

Letter from Mr Walters acknowledging the photographs and praising them. Regrets he could not have a talk with me when last here about the Taylor Johnson's collection, of which he sends me a marked catalogue. He asks my opinion of the desirablen<. . .>ess of several of them – among Church's Niagara" and Vela's "Dying Napoleon", which two if we could get them, would make others of small importance. Have written to him, regretting that owing to illness, I had not seen them ^all^ in September in the ^Loan^ exhibition at the National Academy N.Y. but urging the expediency of getting the above two at any expense, within our reach.

Wrote to the agent in charge of Pictures at the Centennial about the missing screws for the frame of the "Bison at bay" under corner to Mr John Sartain.

Mr Worthington & Mr Hinckley artist called.

Dr Hall disapproves of doing anything with the bronze monuments.

Mr Corcoran & nephew called & admired the Caesar very much. He is in favor of having a fine papier mache or scagliola pedestal for it.

Dr Jouy brought photographs.

Visitors 311 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos $4.00

Decr. 15

Bright & cool.
Note from Mr Walters approving the purchase of a papier mache pedestal for Caesar.

Mr Corcoran & nephew came in. He wishes the busts of Proserpine & Generva placed in the corners of the room where the Italian Statuary is. A better light for them, but not exactly in harmony with the other.

Got the bill from Perry for the statuary curtain $39.44.

Letter from Mrs. Hays enclosing $15.85 for freight charges on Bison at Bay. Wrote to her & enclosed ~~check~~ receipted Rl Rd bill for freight.
Card from T. A. Wilmurt stating that the screws for the above were in the box. They were found there.

Wrote to W. F. Fenwick Paris, thanking him for information about Detaille's prices, and asking him to send me Frohner's Translation of Greek Inscriptions in the Louvre.

Visitors 54 $13.50 Catalogues 10 $2.45 Photos. $1.00

Decr. 16

Letter from Mr Sartain giving name of T. A. Wilmurt NY ^54 E. 63rd St^ as the agent for Centennial pictures – Had sent him my letter.

Letter from Robb. Beall, Bookseller of this city ^asking^ for bill against Maj. Frank Taylor U.S.A. for photographs.

Hung the "Bison at bay" in S. West Gallery.
The animal & landscape is too darkly painted for the bright luminous sky.

Sent for Bradley & men who moved the Proserpine and Generva to the right & left of the Italian. He washed (cleaned these busts, also the Greek Slave.
My Hyde sent up letter of Walter Hy Chew. applying for a situation in this Gallery.

Rec'd at 11.30 a.m. telegram from N.P. Dennis, asking "if things from Japanese Dept. have arrived safely, answer immediately." Telegraphed "only music-stand and glove-box rec'd – were others sent?"

Dr. Hall called & admired the arrangement of the statuary & approves of my suggestion to remove the doors leading from it places on the walnut one.

Visitors 333 Catalogues 18 $4.50 Photos. $11.75

Decr. 18

Cloudy, & sleety – a little snow last night.

Gave Gibson check for last bill, & received receipt $306.25.

Letter from Mr Wagner Toledo, enclosing $1.25 for views of Pictures galleries. Only 3 on hand. Sent to Jouy for more.

Letter from Mr Towne, Kentucky Library, Louisville Ky, offering to sell for their benefit a marble statue of Hebe (said to be by Canova) asked at $10,000 – willing to take less – It was once the property of Mr Ward of Louisville KY. Wrote him that the Art Committee is not buying works of art now.

Sent Major Taylor's bill for photographs (purchased on 18th of March/76) in a note to Robt. Beale, Stationer. He sent word he would see me, as the bill was to be made out in his name.

Telegram from N. P. Denm's to know if 9 boxes had come. They arrived at 3.30 p.m. in the snow storm – too late to be opened to-day. Sent telegram to Denm's to that effect. Heavy driving snow storm.
Visitors 21 $5.25 Catalogues 4 $1.00 Photos $5.00

Decr. 19

Cold, bright, with sleighing.
Unboxed the Japanese Vases & placed them in the Trustee's Room for examination. Telegraphed Mr Denm's Phila, that they were safe and sound.

Rec'd & cashed check for $17.00. from Robt. Beall for photographs bought by Major F. Taylor U.S.A.

Wrote to M. N. Wagar Toledo, explaining why his photos. were <u>expressed</u> to him, and stating that the five sterreograms he wrote for, will be sent in a day or two.

Wrote to Mr Shuster, declining his manilla mats.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called. They admire the vases very much. It is not decided where to place them. The 3d vase is to go into the Bronze Hall. Miss Harrison and Mrs Dr Stone were with them.

Visitors 191 Catalogues 11 $2.50 Photos. $21.00

Decr. 20

Bright & cold. Good sleighing.

Sent Caroni's telegram to My Hyde, who wrote to me to telegraph him that Mr Corcoran had written twice for a bill with duty off, & will not pay for the statues until such a bill is sent. Did so.

Sent for Mr Taylor who prepared temporary pedestals for the vases.

Mr Bradley cleaned the four busts in the Octagon Room.

Mr Corcoran Dr Hall, Miss Jones & Miss May of Baltimore called and examined the novelties from Phila. Mr Corcoran agreed to my proposition to put the pair of vases on either side of the Main Vestibule – the other vase will be placed to-morrow in the B. Hall where the Prometheus base stands.

Tried a colored liquid in the Claret Jug, but do not like it.
Miss Josie Cainwater Ohio, sent two dollars for "Charlotte Corday" & "Greek Slave". Sent them.

Visitors 38 $8.25 Catalogues 4 $1.00 Photos $6.60

Decr. 21

Letter from Caroni & Baendle claiming $24.00 for the Maid & Butterfly, & First Step – no deduction of duty, as they were sold to a Museum of Art, &, therefore were free. He had not received Mr Corcoran's letters. Wish to leave Saturday. Sent the above to Mr Hyde.

Telegram from Mr Riggs N.Y. to me stating that the Art Committee had bought Church's Niagara, & Vela's Last Days of Napoleon. Hurrah! These are indeed magnificent additions in Painting & Sculpture. Some other pictures of lesser value were also bought.

My Hyde called. He sent off draft for $24.00. to Caroni.

Temporary pedestals for vases placed in the Vestibule where they look superb & very appropriate.

Mr Bradley moved Canova's Napoleon to the Bronze Hall and placed Pulaski's bust opposite to it, flanking the North door.

Dr Hall called & admired the position of the Vases, calling out as he entered the office, "where is the gennius that did it!"
Missess Riggs, Dr & Mrs. – (late Miss Walters) called. Liked everything but the Japanese vases.

Mr Lamb sent up Catherine II's frame.

Visitors 177 Catalogues 8 $2.00 Photos. $5.00

Decr. 22

Mr Riggs has returned from New York & called to see about the locus in quo for the "Napoleon". He seemed to apprehend that the floor of the Picture Gallery would not be strong enough to bear it, but Mr Hyde declares that by iron girders it is able to bear any weight. Mr Walters thinks with me it ought to stand in that gallery but in the centre opposite the door. I think it would, if there, obstruct the view of Mr Corcoran's portrait, & for that reason would look better right or left of the centre.
My Hyde brought up several papers connected with purchases at Phila. & New York. The latter amounted to $25.950. as follows Church's "Niagara" $12,500 42 x 89

Vela's	"Napoleon"	8,100	
Elliott's	Durand	300	27 x 22
St. Jean.	Fruit	1,250	19 x 26
Preyer	Fruit	1,400	21 x 20
E. Frire	Preparing forChurch	2,400	18 x 22

Dr Barbarin made design for pedestal to the Japanese Vases, to be referred to Dr Hall.

Mr Bradley brought his bill, & I certified to it, $39.58. Sent to Mr Hyde Mr Perry's bill.

Visitors 33 $7.75 Catalogues 6 $1.50 Photos. $1.00

Dec. 23

Letter from Mr Buchey Phila. enclosing decision of the appraiser of the C. House there that the Elkington articles are chargeable with duty. Went to the Treasy Dept, and got the Customs Bureau to telegraph to Phila to reconsider the decision as the articles are of a bronze basis. Also I telegraphed Mr Buchey to see that Yaye packs & sends at once the Japanese vase & lacquers.

Mr Hatch called to have exhibited here a picture by Beard – a landscape – Told him to send it up for inspection.

Dr Parker called & left a letter from Mr Lilhiman about the offering of "Lydia & Ruth" by Rogers to this Gallery for sale-- $6,000 for both.

Secretary Buckles of the Spanish Minister called with a card from ~~the~~<. . .> Mr Riggs, about admitting for exhibition a picture of the Landing of the Pilgrims, that was at the Centennial. Showed him the corner galleries, but he wishes to have it in the side Gallery west, will call again. Dr Hall agrees to it.

Dr Maynard called to see if his son's picture of '76 could be admitted on exhibition – price $6.00. Told him he could send it at his own expense.

Mr C. P. Terrett Baltimore (Franklin St. 13.) called & left two small bas-reliefs of Julius Caesar, brought from Pompeii. Left them for inspection.

Dr. Hall called.
Received a kind letter from Mrs. Shedd acknowledging photos. & presenting me with a copy of her work on "Famous Painters & Paintings."

Visitors 187 Catalogues 8 $2.00 Photos. $5.75

Decr. 25th

Christmas Day. Gallery closed – cold & snowing.

Rec'd a note from Mrs. Shedd, Providence R.I. expressive of her delight over the Gallery's purchase of "Napoleon" & "Niagara".

A note from Mr Avery N.Y. giving dimensions & estimated weight of the "Napoleon", & stating that the pictures were shipped on the 22d.

Letter from Mr Buchey, stating his failure to see any of the Japanese about the vase, that nothing had been received on Saturday at the Phila. Custom House, from the ~~Elkington~~ Treasury Dept. about the Elkington articles, and asking me to telegraph early to-morrow whether the Japanese things had come.

Decr. 26

Tuesday. Cold & snowing – walking very bad, but afterwards thawing & bright.

Virginia Creepers

Mr Hatch brought a picture for exhibition by Wm. H. Beard called "Virginia Creepers"- representing three Negroes with a primitive wagon, to which a cow is hitched. It is well done but not enough finished. Price $375.

Sent to Knox to look out for the new pictures.

Wrote to Mr Church N.Y. to furnish if possible, any date he may have about the "Niagara"—also to suggest some method of obviating the ^dingy^ lines in the sky of his Magdalena River.

A lady-visitor has this morning informed me that the original statue of "Napoleon" is in Versailles.

The "Niagara" & one other box arrived to 4 p.m.

Visitors 455 Catalogues 19 $4.75 Photos $13.00

Decr. 27

Bright and thawing weather.
This day completes Mr Corcoran's 78th year.

"Niagara &c

As the Gallery at 8 ½ p.m. & unpacked the new pictures, which I placed at once in the east side gallery, removing for that purpose Mr Paris' water-color drawings. The Niagara does not look well there, as it requires a warmer light & more distance. The Portrait of Durand by Elliott is fine but rather weak. The Frere is very well painted but inanimate and the fruit pieces, though beautifully executed, are of ordinary interest – not worth their cost.

Mr Hyde called, as did also Dr Hall. Neither seemed to be enthusiastic over the purchases.

Mr Thomas called about the pedestals. He assisted in hanging the pictures.

Letter from Mr Buchey Phila. saying he could not find any of the Japanese at their section, but learns they shipped the goods by the Centennial Shipping Bureau.
Dr Jouy brought photographs.

Mrs E. K. de Narmandie signed Regulations & got a card of admission.
Mrs. Smith has left for Florida.

Visitors 56 $11.50 Catalogues 9 $2.25 Photos. $5.75

Decr. 28

Cloudy, cold & threatening snow.

Another letter from J H. Haulenbeck 39. Park Row N.Y. offering to sell portrait of Gen. Z. Taylor. Answered that it had been declined.

Letter from Mr Buchey stating his difficulty in seeing any of the Japanese & advising some one to come here to look after the articles. Wrote to him.

Rec'd at 1 ^20^ p.m. telegram from Harnkuchi Phila. stating that "goods (supposed to be the Japanese) were shipped – the Rl Rd receipt refused at Forwarding Co's & will follow in registered letter." I hope this ends the trouble.

Wrote to Mr Avery N.Y. to send us if possible a copy of the large photograph of "Napoleon" – also inquired if he knew anything of the engraving of "Ariadne" which Mr John Durand offered to present to us.

Visitors 735 Catalogues 37 $9.75 Photos. $3.50

Dec 29

Another fall of snow, raw & sleet, but afterwards thawing.
The Centennial Shipping Bureau that our Japanese goods had been ~~delivered~~ shipped through taken there on the 17th Dec! He is promised a decision by the appraiser on the next day – to-day. Wrote to him.

Letter from T. Harakuchi, Centennial Grounds enclosing receipt from Pemra. R. R. Co. dated Decr. 16th. for the Japanese goods, which the clerk forgot to forward to us. He requests if they arrive safe to send a cheque to He. Yaye 11. East 14th. St. N. York. He also encloses a list of the articles presented to the Gallery by the Kirin Kosho Co. These last will be detained in the Main Building for a few days & then despatched to us. Answered the letter.

Met Mr Riggs on my way to the Gallery, and after conversing about the unfavorable effect of the "Niagara" in the side-gallery, he consented to have it placed in the Main Gallery. Where it was put alongside of the "Heir Presumptive" in place of the "Regiment which was shifted to where the "Heir" stood. The improvement was remarkable for not only "Niagara" but ^for^ all the pictures on the wall. The Stewart's "Shippew" & Harding's "Randolph" were transposed to the extreme sides of that wall & "Lasteyrie" & "St Pierre" raised above "Taylor" & "Preston" portraits. <. . .> Church's "Niagara", looks now superb, as it is seen in a fine light and at a proper distance. The Detaille looks just as well as it did before. I then had the "Drauth in Egypt" lifted so as to put under it the "Lievin Pyn" by Pauwell, a remarkably great improvement.

Catalogues none!

Visitors 24 $6.00 Catalogues -- Photos. /--

Decr. 30

Finished rehanging of pictures at noon.

Dr Parker called with another letter in reference to the sale of Rogers' statues to the Gallery. The proposition was declined by the Art Committee.

Mr Brown called to see if he could ~~exhibit~~ sell a picture to the Gallery, now on exhibition at Barlow's.

Mr Chas. Settman 713, 8th St. sent a communication ~~to~~ requesting permission to exhibit a bas-relief – "Mutual Love" – in this Gallery. Sends a photograph of it.

Messrs Walters, Riggs & Hall met at 2 p.m. The two former objected to Boughton's picture being placed alongside of "Niagara." Wished the latter to be placed in the middle, with Shippen & John Randolph to be on either side.

Mr Walters tells me that Mr Church will soon send for the "Scene on Magdalene River" S. America to repair it; also that a picture by ~~Deaz~~ De Haas will be sent from Baltimore here, on exhibition, which he thinks ought to be purchased. It is an animal subject.

I learn from Mr Walters that Church never repeats his pictures, & therefore there is no other "Niagara" by him.

Mr Walters says that the first "Last days of Napoleon by Vela, is in Versailles, but when our copy was ordered from him by Mr Johnstone of N. Y. he made some changes as he was under obligation to the French government ~~to~~ never to repeat it. Barbedienne has made a reduced copy in Bronze from the first statue & therefore it would show the difference between that & the second ~~copy~~ statue.

Letter from Mr Avery saying he had no other copy of the large photograph of "Napoleon", ~~than~~ which he brought from France. The statue was boxed on the 29th, & will probably leave on Tuesday as slow-freight so it will not be here probably for over a week. He states that Mr Durand left the print of "Ariadne" to be framed. Mr Avery will receive & forward it.

Letter from Professor Loomis (city) offering to sell a picture by Thos. Cole, & another which he considers to be by John Both.

The attendance in the Gallery was quite numerous to-day.
Am told that 2 cases of goods, are at the Depot, there ought to be 4. This closes the record of the Gallery's operations for this year, 1876.

Visitors 537 Catalogues 29 $7.25 Photos $7.25